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# LET US INTRODUCE OURSELVES

WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE CURIOUS ABOUT THE FRATERNITY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF MEMBERS WHO BRING YOU THE THETA MAGAZINE.

Accordingly, we completed the same type of questionnaire that is sent to the Thetas who are featured in the "In Her Own Words" article in each issue. In the process, we discovered that self-analysis is not as easy as it looks!

## WHAT IS THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF WHICH YOU'RE PROUDEST?

**LAURA KASSENBRACK STELSEL,  $\Gamma$ /BUTLER, ASSOCIATE EDITOR:**

I'm afraid of heights, but I walked across Deception Pass Bridge in Washington last year. It's 180 feet about the water and about 1500 feet long. The railing barely comes up to your waist and you can feel the bridge shake when cars cross it. I'm not sure if that is an accomplishment or an act of stupidity.

**LISA GEBKEN THIBAUT, EI/WESTMINSTER, ASSOCIATE EDITOR:**

My first leadership experience: leading my college chapter's officer transition as the officer in charge. I remember being very nervous beforehand, and being very busy preparing for the workshop retreat. I still remember the feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction (and relief!) after the event!

**LIZ APPEL RINCK,  $\Gamma$ /BUTLER, EDITOR:** 78.6 miles. The Chicago Marathon, the Athens (Ohio) Marathon, the Boston Marathon.

**MAUREEN FAHEY BOWERS,  $\Delta\Sigma$ /BALL STATE, ART DIRECTOR:** Being married to my college sweetheart for the past 25 years and together raising our two beautiful college-aged daughters.



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Liz Appel Rinck,  
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Maureen Fahey Bowers,  
 $\Delta\Sigma$ /Ball State

## WHAT PROFESSION OTHER THAN YOUR OWN WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEMPT?

**LAURA:** I'd love to be a photographer. In my day job, I'm given the opportunity to capture a story in words, but I love when a photographer is able to capture a story with no words at all.

**LISA:** Teaching or coaching on a professional level. I've volunteered for years doing each, and seeing the light bulbs go off after a new skill is learned is so exciting.

**LIZ:** Pastry chef at a French restaurant in Barcelona.

**MAUREEN:** Anchoring *The Today Show*. And I would be willing to take on the "Where in the World ..." assignment!

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**ON THE COVER:** Florence Ashby, BN/Florida State, represents the Fraternity's educational leadership consultant program, which receives funding from Theta Foundation.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

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Notice: Because Kappa Alpha Theta is not an officially recognized student group at Harvard or Santa Clara University, these schools prohibit using "Harvard" or "Santa Clara" in any published reference to our Zeta Xi or Eta Lambda Chapter.

We regret that on page 13 of the Autumn 2011 issue, the Marin County Alumnae Chapter was not included in the list of Bay Area (California) alumnae chapters and that on page 23 of the Winter 2011-12 issue, the last name of Stephanie Sparvero, ZM/MIT, was misspelled.

## WHAT PROFESSION WOULD YOU NOT LIKE TO ATTEMPT?

**LAURA:** Anything involving being in a tank with sharks. “Shark field researcher,” for instance, sounds pretty terrifying to me.

**LISA:** President of the United States or anything having to do with heights. I don’t think I could survive the hectic campaign trail and constant media criticism, aside from the very long workdays and nights and heavy travel schedule, and I definitely could not handle tall buildings outside on windy days!

**LIZ:** Anything involving feet. Or teeth.

**MAUREEN:** Anything that involves public speaking.

## WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

**LAURA:** Selling concessions at a movie theatre. The theatre pretty much paid with popcorn, soda, and movie tickets, but it was a great experience—although my car smelled like popcorn for years after.

**LISA:** Cashier/server for a small restaurant in St. Louis that specialized in serving hot dogs with a variety of toppings. I can’t eat a Coney Island dog to this very day.

**LIZ:** Page in the public library. Shelving books was my responsibility, but I probably spent more time reading the books than shelving them.

**MAUREEN:** Working the drive-through window at Burger King. It involved public speaking into the microphone, but to a very small audience!

## WHAT ONE THING REALLY MAKES YOUR DAY?

**LAURA:** A smile and a “Hello!” from a stranger will do it for me. Or a cup of coffee and good conversation with a friend.

**LISA:** Seeing my three daughters happy in their daily lives. Either that or seeing them sound asleep, depending on how the day went!

**LIZ:** Pastry (see second question).

**MAUREEN:** Sunshine.

## WHAT IS YOUR MOTTO?

**LAURA:** Treat everyone with kindness. You never know what kind of a day a person has had—everyone deserves to be treated with respect and courtesy.

**LISA:** “We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.” (Winston Churchill)

**LIZ:** “I am only one, but still I am one.” (Helen Keller)

**MAUREEN:** Attitude is everything ... pick a good one!

## WHAT IS YOUR FONDEST THETA MEMORY?

**LAURA:** I’m still making them on a daily basis!

**LISA:** So many to choose from, especially from the college years! The most significant to me as an alumna is when I met Emily Hindt Lang, Gamma Nu/North Dakota. Our daughters were in the same day-care class, and after a few conversations, we discovered we were both Thetas. Soon after, she convinced me to volunteer for the Gamma/Butler advisory board, which soon led to becoming a member of the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter, which soon led me to applying for a job at Theta headquarters, which is where I am today!

**LIZ:** Every time my Theta friends get together, we make more happy memories. Ideally, we’ll be doing that for many years to come.

**MAUREEN:** Living off-campus with my closest Theta sisters, in our “Riverside” rental house at the end of fraternity row off the Ball State campus. ♦

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Volunteers make a difference ... 52 weeks a year! And it is thanks to her volunteers that Kappa Alpha Theta continues to thrive more than 142 years after her founding. Theta volunteers contribute time and expertise, exemplify our true promise, and positively impact the Fraternity experience for all our members.

### A MESSAGE FROM AMY KATES, ΑΦ/TULANE, FRATERNITY PRESIDENT

In recognition of those who selflessly give of themselves, Kappa Alpha Theta celebrates International Volunteer Week from April 15 through April 21. On behalf of Grand Council, thank you for all you do for Theta.

### MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Congratulations to the following college chapters, which are celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2012. We customarily also recognize alumnae chapter anniversaries, but—oddly—no alumnae chapters were founded in these years!

#### 125 Years

O/USC  
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100 Years  
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#### 75 Years

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50 Years  
ΔΘ/Florida  
25 Years  
ΕΥ/Richmond



Leone Luetcke, ΑΥ/Washburn, was initiated in 1924.

### A LIFE WELL-LIVED

At 106 years of age, Velma Leone Kitch Luetcke, Alpha Upsilon/Washburn, may be the oldest living Theta. Known by her middle name, Leone was born October 31, 1905, in Larned, Kan. She graduated from Washburn in 1928 with a degree in English, taught school for many years, and later owned her own travel agency. Her aunt, Rella Brown Underwood, was also a Theta at Washburn.

### THE FRIENDSHIP FUND

Created in 1926, Theta's Friendship Fund is based on a beautiful, timeless idea—sisters reaching out to sisters. The Friendship Fund provides gifts to Thetas experiencing extreme financial hardship due to serious or terminal

illness, job loss, natural disaster, and other devastating occurrences. It is during such times that Thetas do what we do best: support and provide for one another.

More information about gifts from and contributions to the Friendship Fund is available at [www.kappaalphatheta.org/friendshipfund](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/friendshipfund) or from Angela Merk, N/Hanover, [amerk@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:amerk@kappaalphatheta.org), 888-526-1870, ext. 140.

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### PLANNING A REUNION?

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Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23. ◇

### WHAT'S NEW?

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in *The Magazine* area of the Theta website, or you may send items via email or snail mail to the editor. Addresses are listed on page 2. Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

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Kappa Alpha Theta has embarked on an innovative mental health initiative—Sisters Supporting Sisters—to increase the dialogue concerning and support for all aspects of mental health. Through the generous support of Theta Foundation, Sisters Supporting Sisters has joined with



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eating disorders, and personal relationships.

AllOneHealth. The counselors at the AllOneHealth telephone counseling service—Talk One-2-One—can work with college Thetas to address a variety of mental health issues, including, but not limited to, stress, anxiety, cutting, depression, substance abuse,

### April is National Alcohol Awareness Month.

Talk One-2-One offers the following resources for collegians & college chapter advisors.

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[www.cdc.org](http://www.cdc.org)  
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[www.madd.org](http://www.madd.org)  
(Mothers Against Drunk Driving)

[www.sadd.org](http://www.sadd.org)  
(Students Against Drunk Driving)



## A TALE OF TWO THETAS

*Editor's note: We're delighted to share this correspondence between two members of Gamma Upsilon Chapter at Miami. It was precipitated by the Theta Foundation pages in the Spring 2011 issue of the Theta magazine.*

Please forgive me for using such a round-about means of communication; if this doesn't reach Una Hrnjak directly I hope Gamma Upsilon can pass it on. The reason for this letter is, first, as an old Gamma Upsilon ('54), I was delighted to read in the Spring 2011 issue of the Theta magazine about the Alice Allen Brandt scholarship granted to Una in 2010. And, for personal reasons as well, I am so proud of my old chapter for choosing Una and Una for choosing them. Una is a marvelous representative for Theta.

The personal/professional reasons for writing this are so much aligned with Una, both intellectually and geographically, that I will detail them. First, I am a political scientist, with many years of teaching and a late-in-life PhD in government and international relations (Notre Dame, '92). My area of concentration since 1967 has been Eastern Europe, especially the former Yugoslavia. I've traveled there many times and lived there on three different occasions, including a Fulbright year in Zagreb in 1993-94, during the war. My ties to the country and its people run deep and the feelings from the tragedy of the war, immensely sad.

After returning from Zagreb in 1994, I was asked to be a visiting professor/fellow at the Kroc Institute of Peace Studies at Notre Dame, where I had been teaching. It's not often that one is allowed a second or third career, but peace studies has been that for me; in retirement I still stay active. So Una's life choices struck a chord; I would love to meet her.

I hope this reaches Una through some kind of Theta magic or Miami channels!

**BARBARA PFIFFNER MCCREA**  
ΓΥ/MIAMI

Dear Una,

It was such a treat to meet you in person Sunday. I felt like I'd known you for years: a lovely welcome. We certainly do have a lot in common, despite 50 years in time and birthplaces an ocean apart. (To say nothing of a university and a sorority.) George seconds this; we both always enjoy meeting someone as nice as you from former Yugoslavia, and just sitting back, reminiscing.

Some other time we'll talk about serious matters, about studies and international law and peace and conflict studies and all that, but for now, you've done so well. Your job sounds like a terrific opportunity to get some on-the-ground experience. Having been around in the 1980s, when the Yugoslav economy started to slide, and the IMF imposed its usual austerity program, I've concluded that there has to be a better way to do international aid and finance programs.

Don't regret postponing law school. The experience you're getting is so valuable. And I understand a little of how you probably felt upon viewing a stack of law textbooks—after two or three months "vacation," trying to decompress and then it's off to the new grind. Oddly enough, Una, I did almost the same thing, only as a senior, not a grad. The summer of what should have been my senior year at Miami, as a zoology major, I just couldn't continue with it. A good part of it was the almost total exclusion of women from science back in the late 1950s, which truly did exist. But, I did give up a scholarship, upon transferring to Ohio State. So, I'm not a Miami grad, but other than that, have never regretted forgoing science.

It's funny to think of you and your family living in Worthington Ohio. Life is full of strange coincidences. George had a brother who lived in Columbus all his adult life (he died 10 years ago), some old friends, and a cousin, so for years and years we were in and out of Columbus. From Prijedor to Worthington, via Germany, that's one heck of a journey.

We surely hope to see you again in Washington—we'll give adequate warning the next time we visit our daughter and family. In the meantime: enjoy Washington and all it has to offer.

Brunch was a lovely happening!

**BARBARA**

## WRITE TO US!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind? Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input.

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Una Hrnjak and Barbara Pfiffner McCrea, both Gamma Upsilon/Miami, discovered they share many commonalities.

## MAGAZINE KUDOS

I wanted to write a quick email saying Bravo for the recent edition of the *Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*. While I know you probably completed this long ago, I just got to read through it and was very impressed. The layout, stories ... everything was top-notch. This publication shows why Kappa Alpha Theta is one of the best in the areas of marketing and communications. The Fraternity Communications Association is lucky to have yet another impressive magazine for others to model after. Once again, congratulations on a job well done.

**THOMAS MCANINCH**  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION  
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## 50 YEARS IN THETA

I was so thrilled to receive my 50-year pansy pin. It is a lovely reminder of all the years of Theta friendships from college days to friendship here in the Rochester community. It really was a "pinch me" moment to think I've been a proud Theta for 50 years!

I will wear the pin with pride and appreciation.

**SUSAN PETRI LOCKE**  
ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN ◇

*Life is full of strange coincidences."*



# THE FUTURE OF THE MAGAZINE

Over the past several years, the distribution system for the Theta magazine has begun to change. The online version, which comprises all the features of the printed version, will always be available to every Theta. Beginning with the Summer 2011 issue, college members, Theta Life Loyal members (see page 16), and alumnae who pay dues through an alumnae chapter or circle or directly to the Fraternity receive all four printed issues of our magazine. A timeline for the transition appears to the right.

Thanks to the Theta website, social media, and e-communications, Thetas are linked to one another and to the Fraternity in many ways. Printing and mailing our magazine is one of the largest expenses the Fraternity incurs each year, and collegiate fees have been funding it for many years. This new distribution plan will allow the Fraternity to use its financial resources more efficiently and to be a good steward of member dues.

To continue to receive all four printed issues of our magazine, you are encouraged to become involved in Theta by joining an alumnae group, paying Fraternity dues, or enrolling in Theta Life Loyal. For your convenience, a Life Loyal enrollment form is printed below. ♦



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## CHAPTERS

- A** Members of the Alpha Tau Chapter at Cincinnati enjoyed another successful recruitment period last autumn, pledging 50 new members.
- B** Members from AX/Purdue shared a moment during their member recruitment.
- C** Members of the Memphis Alumnae Chapter gathered for the chapter's annual holiday party.
- D** Members from Zeta Omega at Loyola Marymount supported the university's staff, faculty, and student body during Kappa Alpha Theta Cares Week.
- E** Members from Zeta Sigma Chapter at Ohio Northern visited Fraternity headquarters.
- F** Mother Mary Overton Caldwell, O/USC;

and daughters Kathryn Caldwell, HY/San Francisco; and Rebecca Caldwell, O/USC, attended Kathryn's Initiation Service and Eta Upsilon Chapter's installation at San Francisco.

- G** Beta Kappa Chapter at Drake painted a street square to commemorate the chapter's 90th anniversary.
- H** The Seattle Alumnae Chapter gathered at a Bellevue, Wash., restaurant.
- I** Mother Irwin Edwards Fisher; grandmother Frances Rudolph Edwards; and Carolyn Fisher, three generations from Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt, attended the Nashville Alumnae Chapter's Founders Day event.
- J** Maureen Roche Manning, AΘ/Texas; Liz Winfield Rigney, ΔΩ/Texas A&M; Meredith Parsons Grisebaum and Susan Arnold

Martin, both AΘ/Texas; Kathleen Hannah Waugh, K/Kansas; Rhonda Guest Barclay, ΔΩ/Texas A&M; (back) Torri Coreoran and Janet Folks Lionberger, both AM/Missouri; and Jennifer Justice Bowen, Sandy Drews Lucas, Alice Arnold Helms, and Allison Cain Allison, all AΘ/Texas, spent a day at the Round Top Antiques Festival and experienced Camp for All, which supports individuals with special needs.

- K** Paula Dahlgren, ZΘ/Cal Poly; Mindy Weiss Chipley, ΔΨ/UC Riverside; Cathie Waters Cardelucci, BE/UCLA; and Jessica Cardelucci, Stephanie Patterson, and Lily Munson, all HΣ/Chapman, attended Central Orange County Alumnae Panhellenic's Athena Awards. Cathie was the recipient of this year's Athena Award and Stephanie was a scholarship recipient.

## THETAS OF NOTE



**BETH BALDOCK FISHER**, AΓ/OHIO STATE, has been named vice president for donor services and development at the Columbus Foundation.



**STEPHANIE LIN**, ZM/MIT, has been named a Rhodes Scholar. She is the second Zeta Mu Rhodes Scholar in as many years.



Virginia Commonwealth University pharmacist **MANDY CONFER GATESMAN**, ΞΣ/OHIO NORTHERN, was published in the New England Journal of Medicine.



The Fredericksburg, Texas, Chamber of Commerce named **BARBARA CLAIRE SCHMIDT HEINEN**, ΓΨ/TCU, 2011 Outstanding Chamber Woman of the Year.



The National Western Stock Show named **LYNNE VINCENT CHENEY**, BΘ/COLORADO COLLEGE, its 2012 Citizen of the West.





**L** The Westchester Alumnae Chapter held its sixth annual Founders Day celebration in Rye, NY.

**M** Theta Foundation trustees Laura Ware Doerre,  $\Delta E$ /North Carolina; Lyn Stewart Simensen,  $\Gamma T$ /Rollins; Lisa Davis Olney,  $\Delta E$ /Arizona State; Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds,  $BK$ /Drake; (back) Dinah Hampton McClymonds,  $AO$ /Oklahoma; Vicki Laughlin McCluggage,  $O$ /USC; Kathy Bennett Tonkel,  $H$ /Michigan; Kim Harvey Looney,  $\Delta \Pi$ /Tennessee; and Elizabeth Prosser,  $AO$ /Oklahoma gathered for a Foundation trustee meeting at Theta headquarters.

**N** Trish Skuse Cadwallader congratulates Anne Powell Riley, both  $BT$ /Denison, who was honored by The Central Ohio Planned Giving Council with the Leave a Legacy Award.

**O** Leesa Wilson-Goldmuntz,  $B$ /Indiana, con-

structed a portion of Indiana University's campus out of gingerbread, including the Beta Chapter facility.

**P** Commanders Shelby Williams Hladon,  $\Gamma P$ /UC Santa Barbara, and Tamsen McCabe Reese,  $EZ$ /Mississippi, reunited on a trip to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

#### Not pictured

Lisa Gebken Thibault,  $EI$ /Westminster, and Kelly Johnson Oles,  $BK$ /Drake, attended a live taping of *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon* in Indianapolis during Super Bowl XLVI.

At San Diego's Order of Omega banquet, Eta Iota Chapter received the academic excellence awards for fall 2010 and spring 2011. New Member Alison Bloom was named Greek Female New Member of the Year, and Alli

Berryhill, a Theta and current Panhellenic president, was named Greek Woman of the Year. The chapter also received the Dean's Trophy, the most prestigious award given.

Gamma Zeta Chapter was recognized with awards for highest average chapter GPA, outstanding academic achievement program, outstanding recruitment and retention, outstanding risk management and reduction, and chapter of the year at Connecticut's Greek awards. In addition, chapter member Eileen Semancik was named outstanding scholar and Samantha Simons was named the Lindsay L. Sell Outstanding Panhellenic Woman.



Pilates-certified instructor **LAURA RHODES TARBELL**,  $K$ /KANSAS, appeared in the winter 2012 magazine *Oxygen Special: Fat Loss-The Complete Guide for Women*. In the issue, she demonstrates her original combination of plyometrics and pilates.



**RUTH WEIMER TILLAR**,  $BA$ /WILLIAM & MARY, has been awarded the college's Alumni Medallion, the highest award the William & Mary Alumni Association can bestow on a graduate.



*New Jersey Business Magazine* has named **TARA FLYNN CONDON**,  $EA$ /DICKINSON, to its Best 50 Women in Business.



**MARGARET DUNKLE**,  $X$ /SYRACUSE, has been inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame for her work on Title IX, women's educational equity, and athletics.



Rotary International has awarded **BETSY VIRGIN OWEN**,  $\Delta Z$ /EMORY, with the Service Above Self award for her work to immunize children with polio. The award, recognizes Rotarians who embody the group's motto, Service Above Self.



# THETA AUTHORS

**DR. SUSAN SHANKS, BΠ/MICHIGAN STATE**, has written *House of Angels: Living Independently with a Family of In-Home Caregivers*, a book about her personal and professional experiences with in-home caregiving for the elderly and people with disabilities.

*Five Strolled into Madness* is a memoir about **HENRIETTA MALLOY JAEGER, BH/PENNSYLVANIA**, and her family's life living on the grounds of a state mental hospital in the 1950s.

**MARILYNN BRAME CHADWICK, ΓΔ/GEORGIA**, has authored *Sometimes He Whispers, Sometimes He Roars: Learning to Hear the Voice of God*, a book about her 10-year prayer journey—from the Sudan to Rwanda—that was sparked by the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

**SHERYL MATTHYS, Γ/BUTLER**, has released *Leashes and Lovers*, a books that details how one's dog impacts dating, friendships, and even family ties.

**NANCY WENDT SINDELAR, T/NORTHWESTERN**, has published *Using Test Data for Student Achievement: Answers to No Child Left Behind and Common Core Standards*, her third book on educational assessment.

**JANE MYERS PERRINE, ΔH/KANSAS STATE**, has released *The Welcome Committee of Butternut Creek*, the first book in a series about a young minister called to serve in Butternut Creek, Texas.

**BECKY CLEM WADE, EE/BAYLOR**, has released her first novel, *My Stubborn Heart*, a contemporary romance that follow's one woman's choice to listen to God in her journey to find love.

**JULIE JOHNSON, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE**, has co-authored *The Female Vision*, a book that demonstrates that many of the traits that women bring to an organization—those that often go unnoticed or unrewarded—are the qualities that companies need the most. The book is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

**HELEN MADAMBA MOSSMAN, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE**, has written *A Letter to My Father*, a memoir about her relationship with her Filipino father and her biracial (American and Filipino) roots.



Susan Shanks,  
BΠ/Michigan State



Henrietta Malloy Jaeger,  
BH/Pennsylvania



Marilynn Brame  
Chadwick, ΓΔ/Georgia



Sheryl Matthis,  
Γ/Butler



Nancy Wendt Sindelar,  
T/Northwestern



Beta Epsilon/Oregon State alumnae Lily Shorey, Emily Guinness, Amanda Stone, Kendall Distefano, Samantha Shorey (an Eta Iota/San Diego alumna), (back) Linda Beith, Kaki Allen Brenneman, Melanie Collins Perko, Claressa Sweeney Bauer, Marcia Othus Floberg, and Teresa Hald Mettler attended Beta Epsilon's Valentine's Day event honoring alumnae.



Molly Durst, ZΘ/Cal Poly, and Karen Leary, BA/William & Mary, met while rooming together during study abroad in Florence, Italy.



Samantha Moore, BE/UCLA; Cindy Swan Winn, O/USC; and Kathleen McCaffrey Moore, BE/UCLA, met Katie How Conschafter, X/Syracuse, while on a hike in Montenegro.

# THETAS OF NOTE

**ELLEN PISTOLE, AN/MONTANA**, was among a group of students from Montana's School of Business Administration that competed at Beta Alpha Psi's Annual Conference in Denver. Beta Alpha Psi is an honorary organization for financial information students and professionals.

The Steel Magnolias, a volunteer group that supports the Stramski Children's Development Center at Miller Children's Hospital (Long Beach, Calif.), has named **LORIE HERBERT MERRILL,**

**ΓΞ/SAN JOSE STATE**, the organization's president.

**SHELLY SLATER, AM/MISSOURI**, received Emmy Awards for breaking news coverage and best anchor for her work at WFAA in Dallas.

**DR. JULIA LINK ROBERTS, AM/MISSOURI**, was awarded the Acorn Award for teaching excellence for a professor at a Kentucky four-year college or university.

North Carolina Governor Bev Perdue has appointed

**DR. REBECCA MACY, N/HANOVER**, to the state's Domestic Violence Commission. Macy is associate professor at the University of North Carolina's School of Social Work.

**DONNA RAMSDELL BROWNING, AT/CINCINNATI**, has created Sweaty Bands ([www.sweatybands.com](http://www.sweatybands.com)), a women's sports and fitness headband that won't slip. The company employs seven Thetas and is a licensed Fraternity vendor.

The Indiana Journalism

Hall of Fame named the late author, historian, and newspaper columnist **KATE MILNER RABB, B/INDIANA**, among its 2012 inductees.

**LAURA YOUNG, AM/MISSOURI**, has been named one of the Mizzou '39, a program of the Mizzou Alumni Association Student Board which recognizes 39 seniors who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership and service to the university and community.

**KATHY WALBERT WALKER, AO/OKLAHOMA**, has been

named 2012 Oklahoma Mother of the Year by the American Mothers of Oklahoma.

**MARI BERGE BORR, ΓN/NORTH DAKOTA STATE**, has been appointed treasurer of the National Association of Teacher Educators for Family and Consumer Sciences.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of El Camino Real has named **ELIZA BRITAIN BEHRENDSEN, EZ/MISSISSIPPI**, its new chief professional officer.





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## THETA REUNIONS & MORE

**A** The St. Petersburg and Tampa Alumnae Chapters celebrated Founders Day with the collegians from Eta Tau/Tampa at the St. Petersburg Country Club.

**B** Donna Fabrick Aloise, Carolyn Marquart Bennett, Nancy Decker Moore, Lucia Plumley Versteeg Jasek, Barbara Rae Johnson Widenor, and Brenda Benson VanAmburgh, alumnae of Chi/Syracuse, reunited at Martha's Vineyard.

**C** Deanna Tobin Ashing, Janet Lee Brown Gaw, Brenda Dorn Conard, Susan Jones Brooks, Sally Bell Riebel, Ann Kerl Bolino, and Madelle Miller Grimm, all Alpha Gamma/Ohio State, met for their third annual luncheon reunion.

**D** Alpha Xi Chapter hosted a business etiquette presentation for the Oregon Panhellenic community.

**E** Carol Apel Given, Jane Pengel Miller, Priscilla Meacham Parker, (back) Marge Mangus Kruse, Hanna Holt Zesiger, Madeleine Burgermeister Marbach, and Suzanne Spangler Kendrick, all of the 1954 initiation class at Gamma deutron/Ohio Wesleyan, met for their annual reunion at Wrightsville Beach, NC.

**F** Jamie Branch Wright, Charlotte Fariss Hartlaub, Laura Schwarz Cramer, Peggy Wilkinson Virski, all alumnae of the Beta Rho Chapter at Duke, vacationed in Palm Beach, Fla.

**G** Alumnae of Alpha Gamma Chapter at Ohio State met for a campus reunion at the new Ohio Union.

### SUBMIT YOUR NEWS & SNAPSHOTS

News about individual and group accomplishments, reunions, achievements, and activities may be submitted at any time for the Snapshots section. Submissions may be made online ([www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org)) or by mail to the address on page 2. The volume of submissions prohibits a guarantee of publication, but the magazine staff does promise to carefully consider each submission and publish as many as possible in a timely manner.

We regret that we cannot publish notices of marriages and births, nor can we publish photographs of members "kiting," i.e., making kite shapes with fingers or arms.



Theta ELCs **CHRISTA SAMAHA**, HP/MIAMI; **JAMES MADISON**; **CASEY BARRY**, ΓΥ/MIAMI; **LAUREN LEWIS**, Δ/ILLINOIS; **COREY BURNETT**, O/USC; (back) **LINDSEY WITT**, BΔ/ARIZONA; **MADISON MOTLEY**, AO/OKLAHOMA; **STACEY JARRETT**, AM/MISSOURI; and **JUSTINE ROSENBERG**, ΕΣ/UC IRVINE, visited the US Capitol in Washington, DC.

(Right) Chapter President **JULIE BOLAMPERTI**, P/NEBRASKA, was presented a clock by Fraternity officer **LAURA LOCKE**, ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH, at RHO CHAPTER'S 125th anniversary celebration. ◇





# THE STATE OF THE FRATERNITY

2011

This report provides a brief overview of Fraternity business for the past fiscal year (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011) and program information for to the 2011 calendar year.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"It is because we are all different, because we come from different colleges, different chapters, and different families, that we are as far-reaching and as powerful as we are, and our success is due to the fact that we are uniting our individual strength and ability to work for our fraternity." These words were written by Jean Earl Mead, Phi /Stanford, almost 100 years ago. They remain just as relevant today as they were then, as we prepare to celebrate our sesquicentennial in 2020 and as we provide for the future of Kappa Alpha Theta.

How many women's organizations can take pride in being strong and successful almost 150 years after their founding? Not many! We continue to flourish because we—as Jean Mead described—unite our individual strengths and abilities. We continue to grow and thrive because we reflect the values, mission, and purpose of our Fraternity.

In 2011, Grand Council adopted a Plan of Aspirations, a blueprint for the next five years ... and beyond. It is more than a strategic plan, because it is concerned with more than simply achieving goals. It is concerned with achieving the noble aspirations expressed by our founders' dream of creating an organization to offer women lifelong opportunities for social, intellectual, and moral growth. I believe the accomplishments enumerated in this report illustrate that the Kappa Alpha Theta experience remains relevant in today's world.

Amy Hayner Kates, AΦ/Tulane  
Fraternity President

## 42

The number of college chapters that achieved the number one-scholarship ranking on their campuses during at least one term during 2010-11.

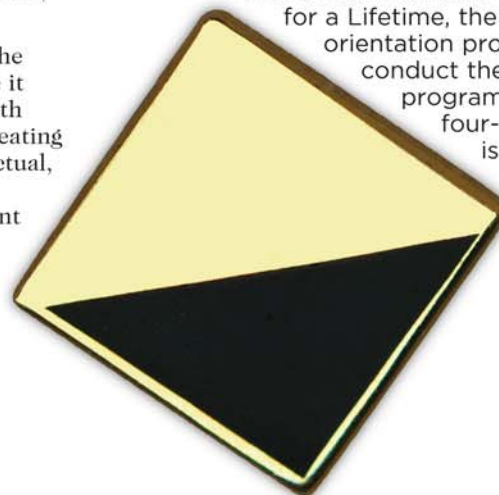
(Complete list appears on page 13.)



## 6,062

The total women who pledged Theta in 2011.

These new members experienced Theta for a Lifetime, the Fraternity's member orientation program. Chapters can conduct the new member orientation program over a four- to six-week period which is followed by initiation.



## 1,755

THE NUMBER OF UNDERGRADUATE THETAS WHO EARNED STRAIGHT As DURING THE 2010-11 ACADEMIC YEAR.



# 16,904

Number of Theta undergraduates in 2011. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, a record 12.5 million students attended four-year colleges in the US in 2011.

# 236,975

Total number of initiated Thetas.

# 1,463

Commemorative pins sent to 50-year Thetas in 2011.



# 151

Commemorative pins sent to 75-year Thetas in 2011. This special pansy pin embellished with the coat of arms was selected by Grand Council in 1963.

# 8

Years till Kappa Alpha Theta's sesquicentennial. For our semicentennial (50th anniversary), a book collection honoring our founders was established at DePauw University's library. At the centennial Convention, Bettie Lock Hamilton's grandddaughter and great-granddaughter were in attendance.

# 235

The attendance at the True Promise ... True Leaders conference in June. Content included team-building, goal-setting, personal leadership development, decision-making, dealing with change, clarifying personal values and standards, and understanding and respecting the values of other individuals. Each college chapter sent an advisor and a freshman nominated by her sisters as an emerging leader to the weekend event. \*\*

# 7,717

The members of Theta's group on LinkedIn, a professional networking website. Believing in the power of social media to help members connect with one another, Theta also has a presence on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Pinterest.



# \$381K

The amount earned by the Fraternity in merchandise sales and royalties. J. Lewis Small is the official jeweler of the Fraternity, manufacturing badges, guards, dangles, and pledge pins, while Herff Jones continues to sell Kappa Alpha Theta accessory pieces. Royalties from jewelry during the last fiscal year were just over \$148,580. Royalties from the Fraternity's affinity charge card and short-term health insurance plans for members were approximately \$66,700. Affinity Consultants, Inc., collected more than \$165,670 in royalties on Theta's behalf from the 308 vendors who sell licensed Kappa Alpha Theta products and services.



# 10

The number of educational leadership consultants (ELCs) who traveled to college chapters across the US and Canada and were based at newly established chapters. After comprehensive training in Fraternity programming, policies, and procedures, as well as in effective communication, motivational techniques, and business etiquette, ELCs serve as role models, mentors, guides and ambassadors to Theta's college chapters. \*\*



## CHAPTERS #1 IN SCHOLARSHIP

A/DePauw

B/Indiana\*

Γ/Butler

K/Kansas\*

ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan

O/USC

Π/Albion

Φ/Pacific\*

AM/Missouri\*

AN/Montana

AO/Oklahoma\*

AP/South Dakota\*

AΣ/Washington State\*

AT/Cincinnati

BΠ/Michigan State\*

BΦ/Penn State

BX/Alberta

ΓΕ/Western Ontario

ΓΘ/Carnegie Mellon\*

ΓN/North Dakota State\*

ΓT/Tulsa\*

ΓΦ/Texas Tech

ΓX/Fresno State\*

ΔΔ/Whitman\*

ΔE/Arizona State\*

ΔZ/Emory

ΔY/Eastern Kentucky

ΔX/Virginia

ΓΔ/Stanford\*

EI/Westminster\*

ET/Yale\*

EY/Columbia\*

ZH/Wofford

ZM/MIT

ZY/UT Dallas\*

HH/College of Idaho

HI/San Diego\*

HA/Santa Clara

HM/Occidental

HO/North Florida\*

HΠ/Case Western Reserve

HP/James Madison\*

\*Chapters that achieved #1 status for all terms.



## 5

How many college and alumnae chapters and alumnae circles were established in 2011. The weekend of October 21, 73 charter members were initiated into the Eta Upsilon Chapter at the University of San Francisco. The weekend of November 12, 122 charter members were initiated into the Eta Phi Chapter at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. On February 25, Grand Council granted a charter to the Inland California Alumnae Chapter in Loma Linda, Calif.; on November 11, a charter was granted to the Emerald Coast Alumnae Chapter in Navarre, Fla. The Skidaway Island Alumnae Circle was established in Savannah, Ga., in March.

## \$39K

Amount of a grant from Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation for the Fraternity's Sisters Supporting Sisters mental health initiative. A portion of the grant will fund the creation of online resource materials specifically for collegians and college chapters, encouraging the discussion and recognition of a variety of mental health issues, including stress, depression, substance abuse, and eating disorders. Sisters Supporting Sisters, in partnership with All One Health, currently offers professional telephone counseling services any time of the day or night at no charge to our college chapter members.



**SISTERS SUPPORTING SISTERS™**

Mental Health Initiative by Kappa Alpha Theta

## \$428K

The amount granted to the Fraternity by Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation in 2010-11. This support helps make educational and leadership programs possible and provides funding for mental health resources of college women and advisors, alcohol education, the development and preservation of Kappa Alpha Theta archives, the educational leadership consultant (ELC) program, educational speakers for Fraternity events and workshops, and interfraternal programming.



*"I am a Theta because our Fraternity is truly an organization that changes lives—it certainly changed mine. Thank you to all my Theta sisters and fellow IU Dance Marathoners who've helped me get to where I am today."*

— Laura Lacci Michelotti, B/Indiana

## 135

The number of alumnae and college chapters using a website template developed and hosted by Theta. Each template is part of the Fraternity website structure, enabling the chapter site to use the same tools and features as the Fraternity website. Each template-based site is hosted by Theta at no cost to the chapter.

## 2007

Year in which the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC) was formed. The FHC holds title to or rents real and/or personal property to be used for housing and/or meeting purposes of specific college chapters. The FHC serves as the facility corporation for chapters without sufficient volunteers to staff a facility corporation board.



## 1989

Year in which Theta chose Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) as our philanthropy. In more than two decades of collaboration, Kappa Alpha Theta has contributed nearly \$1 million toward National CASA public awareness, diversity outreach, and volunteer-retention initiatives. Some Theta contributions are harder to quantify. Thetas spend countless hours developing and executing fund-raisers and service projects on their campuses and in local communities; serving on boards and committees; and passionately spreading the word about CASA advocacy.



## 501(c)(3)

The nonprofit designation of HazingPrevention.Org, whose goal is to encourage healthy and productive experiences for new members of teams, student organizations, and Fraternities and sororities. Theta's titanium sponsorship of HazingPrevention.Org helps empower people to recognize, prevent, and address hazing in their communities. \*\*

*"I am a Theta because I met women who saw potential in me as a friend and a leader, and my fondest memories of collegiate life revolve around the time spent with those women as we served Theta together."*

— Danielle Parker McLean, HΘ/Central Florida



We all have an "I Am a Theta" story. Share yours online! Go to [www.kappaalphatheta.org/iamatheta](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/iamatheta)



# 10/19

The date of Theta's third annual Day of Service, which also commemorates founder Bettie Locke Hamilton's birthday. College and alumnae chapters participated in a variety of ways, from making goodie bags for children and meals for the homeless to collecting supplies for community centers and picking up trash. Despite busy schedules, many individual Thetas also took time out of their day to spread the widest influence for good. (You can read more about Day of Service efforts beginning on page 30.)



**KAΘ DAY of SERVICE**  
October 19

## 17

The number of stories in the "I Am a Theta" section of Theta's website. We all have many Theta stories to tell, whether it's a tradition from college days, someone we met as an alumna or a cherished Theta memento. Take just a minute to remember one of your stories, and tell us why you're proud to say "I Am a Theta." Go to [www.kappaalphatheta.org/iamatheta](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/iamatheta) to share

your story online. Stories connect us to one another, strengthen our sisterhood, and identify us with our Theta membership.



## 687

The number of Thetas enrolled in the Life Loyal program in 2011. Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal is a program for members who wish to provide further financial support to the Fraternity. Modeled after successful programs offered by other large national fraternities and sororities, Life Loyal exempts alumnae from paying Fraternity dues, while revenue from program memberships supports an endowment of the Theta magazine and future educational and personal development programs.



*"I am a Theta because there is beauty and strength in the bond that connects us—whether it's reconnecting with my pledge mom or sister or making a new friend on an airport layover sparked by the fact that her carry-on is a Theta bag."*

— Lisa Davis Olney, ΔE/Arizona State

*"I am a Theta because of the intense passion that members have for their sisterhood and for all of the good works that they do, particularly CASA. When you're in the presence of Thetas, you are aware that as diverse as the group may be, there is a sameness of mind and purpose to do good things in this world."*

— Robin Jameson McGraw, O/USC

*"I am a Theta because from the moment I stepped into the Beta Kappa facility on the first night of recruitment my freshman year, I knew that this was the chapter I wanted to join. When I received my bid, I immediately called my mother (a Psi/Wisconsin Theta). 'We're not just mother and daughter, we're sisters,' I told her."*

— Colleen Dermody, BK/Drake

## GENERAL TREASURY INCOME

**TOTAL \$5.3m**

Services/Supplies***	1%	\$56K
Alumnae Support****	5%	\$261K
Member Non-Dues Income**	12%	626K
Leadership Training Fund Grant	6%	304K
Risk Management Fees	8%	422K
Foundation Grant	8%	428K
International Meeting	3%	169K
College Chapter Support*	48%	2.55M
Investment Return/Disestablished Chapter	9%	\$494K
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5.3M</b>

\* Initiation, per capita, & chapter services fees, etc.

\*\* Merchandise sales, jewelry commission, affinity charge card, etc.

\*\*\* Publications, labels/printouts, member links, etc.

\*\*\*\* Alumnae per capita fees, paid individually and via alumnae chapters and Life Loyal memberships

## GENERAL TREASURY EXPENSE \*\*

**TOTAL \$4.7m**

Fraternity Officer Administration	2%	\$116K
Capital Improvement***	7%	\$321K
Risk Management	8%	\$360K
Central Office Administration	27%	\$1.29M
International Meeting	4%	\$169K
Programs*	42%	\$1.97M
Investment Income to Disestablished Chapter Reserves	10%	\$479K
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4.7M</b>

\* Magazine, Educational Leadership Consultants, AlcoholEdu, etc.

\*\* Percent of total toward educational programs is 28%

\*\*\* Capital computer system upgrades, asset disposition, capital building improvements, depreciation HQ & facilities

## 2010-2012 GRAND COUNCIL

FRATERNITY PRESIDENT Amy Hayner Kates, AΦ/Tulane

### FRATERNITY VICE-PRESIDENTS

Laura Ware Doerre, ΔE/North Carolina  
April Pinkston DuPree, ZΛ/Charleston  
Paige Bendel Ellerman, ΠI/Kentucky

Julie Ruffolo Gilpin, A/DePauw  
Suzanne Graf McLemore, ΔΠ/Tennessee  
Mandy Burgett Wushinske, ZS/Ohio Northern

### FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Kathleen Bennett Tonkel, H/Michigan

\*\* Denotes Fraternity initiatives supported by Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation



# 1,672 REASONS TO BE THETA LIFE LOYAL

**KARYN EMISON UPTAIN, ALPHA/DEPAUW SHARES HERS  
LIFE LOYAL MEMBER SINCE: SPRING 2010 (CHARTER MEMBER)**

**THETA FACTS:** Karyn is a current member of the Fraternity's college chapter budget committee. All of the Theta members in her family have a connection to Bettie Locke Hamilton. Bettie initiated Catherine Tillotson McCord, who initiated Karyn's grandmother and mother. Catherine also initiated former Fraternity President Sue Farrell Supple, who then initiated Karyn and her sister. When Karyn purchased a Life Loyal membership for herself, she also purchased one for her grandmother, who was so excited and honored by the special gift!

## WHY DID YOU JOIN THETA LIFE LOYAL?

"I definitely thought I'd be a Theta since before I can remember. My grandmother, mother, younger sister and I are all Alpha Chapter (DePauw) Thetas. It was really neat to have all lived in the same chapter house during our college experiences, giving a sense of place to all of the Theta stories I'd heard growing up. Having the Theta connection not only makes it a common experience, but it also allows us to talk about "Theta mysties" (that's a term from my dad). It gives an extra emphasis to being Theta for a Lifetime, because you realize that Theta isn't just for your lifetime—it is the bigger picture of Theta's lifetime and how we're all connected. My Life Loyal membership is just one more way to be connected to Theta for a lifetime. It has been such a wonderful experience."

## THETA LIFE LOYAL MEMBERS RECEIVE:

- a lifetime subscription to *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*
- a personalized wallet card
- a handcrafted lapel pin to wear with pride
- a limited-edition gift from our Life Loyal collection
- and more!



## BECOMING A LIFE LOYAL KAPPA ALPHA THETA IS QUICK AND EASY!

### ONLINE

Simply go to  
[www.thetalifeloyal.org](http://www.thetalifeloyal.org)  
to join and pay through our secure website.

### PHONE

Call Fraternity headquarters, 800-526-1870,  
to provide your contact and payment information over the phone.

### MAIL

Print the enrollment form available at [www.thetalifeloyal.org](http://www.thetalifeloyal.org)  
and mail the complete form, along with your check or credit card  
information to: Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd.,  
Indianapolis, IN 46268, attn: Kristi Tucker.

Karyn Emison Uptain, A/DePauw, is Life Loyal.





**JOIN THE FOLLOWING LIFE LOYAL MEMBERS WHO ENROLLED BETWEEN  
NOVEMBER 1, 2011, AND JANUARY 31, 2012**

**A/DEPAUW**

Patricia Parker Andrew  
Susan Torie Cabe

**B/INDIANA**

Elizabeth Sinnock Drake  
Anne Meier Jones

**Γ/BUTLER**

Wendy Schaubel Noder  
Pamela Bernet Salatic

**Δ/ILLINOIS**

Sarah Moore Campbell  
Cynthia Irene Nebel  
Deborah Smith Olien

**H/MICHIGAN**

Adria Anuzis Brown  
Mary Suzanne Duffey  
Ann Rioux Kimbro

**I/CORNELL**

Hendrieka Martin Bloom

**K/KANSAS**

Kathryn Bruning Bussing

**Λ/VERMONT**

Nancie Anderson Weber

**ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN**

Rachel S. Spetrino

**O/USC**

Wendy Dickson Pucurs

**Π/ALBION**

Jennifer Lammers  
Jill D. Smart

**P/NEBRASKA**

Sharon Ellsworth Fisher

**Φ/PACIFIC**

Susanna Winn Barton  
Kristin T. Mattison  
Karen MacDonald Rosenthal

**X/SYRACUSE**

Kathleen Casper Miliello  
Megan G. Tennyson  
Joan Tennyson Willson

**Ψ/WISCONSIN**

Regina Collins Erickson  
Jodi Lebow

**ΑΓ/OHIO STATE**

Kylie R. Pachol

**ΑΔ/GOUCHER**

Marydel Miller Burton

**ΑΗ/VANDERBILT**

Avery C. Carpenter

**ΑΘ/TEXAS**

Dale Coe Simons  
Taylor A. Sokolosky

**ΑΜ/MISSOURI**

Carol Banta Brewer  
Margaret Williams Lingle  
Sarabeth Stevens Moore

**ΑΤ/CINCINNATI**

Shannon Tuerck Compton  
Carol Heitzler Gaenge

**ΑΧ/PURDUE**

Mary Lincoln Campbell

**ΑΩ/PITTSBURGH**

Carolyn E. Benintend  
Jennine Brown

**ΒΒ/RANDOLPH-MACON  
WOMAN'S COLLEGE**

Rose Berryman Mogabgab

**ΒΔ/ARIZONA**

Joan Parfet Miller

**ΒΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE**

Lynda Davis Clark

**ΒΗ/PENNSYLVANIA**

Nancy MacDonald Ozard

**ΒΙ/COLORADO**

Amanda Jones

**ΒΚ/DRAKE**

Peggy Spitznas Harmon  
Jean Cunningham Pillers  
Ashley Schmid

**ΒΛ/WILLIAM & MARY**

Beverly Nanney Bowlus  
Susan Varker Rowling

**ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE**

Nicole Keys Armstrong  
Mary Webb Fox  
Pauline Beain Yearty

**ΒΕ/UCLA**

Sarah R. Leech  
Grace K. Myers  
Heather Hull Thomas  
Emily L. Van Houdt

**ΒΟ/IOWA**

Roberta Berg Daisley

**ΒΠ/MICHIGAN STATE**

Margaret Leverich Blum

**ΒΣ/SMU**

Tracey Linquist Terry  
Sharon Smith Wooldridge

**ΒΤ/DENISON**

Sandra Wright Hoover  
Chelsea B. Lee

**ΒΥ/BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Linda Jamieson Gibbs

**ΒΦ/PENN STATE**

Annetta Tiley Potts

**ΒΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE**

Barbee Futrell Riehl

**ΓΕ/WESTERN ONTARIO**

Wendy Christine Sherrick

**ΓΖ/CONNECTICUT**

Jojo D. Corrales

**ΓΘ/CARNEGIE MELLON**

Ruth Means Langstaff

**ΓΜ/MARYLAND**

Susan Tribbett Walker  
Karen Russick Wickstra

**ΓΠ/IOWA STATE**

Janet Polson Walkup

**ΓΡ/UC SANTA BARBARA**

Jennifer Wilson Schwartz

**ΓΣ/SAN DIEGO STATE**

Gail Moody Wheaton

**ΓΤ/TULSA**

Janice Hobbs Powell  
Kristi Wooten Schuler

**ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH**

Susie Mitchell

**ΓΨ/TCU**

Shannon Smith Meggs

**ΓΩ/AUBURN**

Anna Lambert Mitchell

**ΔΕ/ARIZONA STATE**

Ann Bullington Hermens  
Carolyn Curry Rundle

**ΔΖ/EMORY**

Carole King Yoho

**ΔΣ/BALL STATE**

Carol Ann Bublitz Berning

**ΔΦ/CLEMSON**

Kelly Moses

**ΔΨ/UC RIVERSIDE**

Julia Ehret Buetow

**ΔΩ/TEXAS A & M**

Amy Grant Homeyer

**EZ/MISSISSIPPI**

Deborah Schwartz Friedman

**EM/PRINCETON**

Jennifer Rottenberg

**ΕΟ/RANDOLPH-MACON**

Sabra Klein Maloney

**ΕΠ/BUCKNELL**

Judi Bloch Smith

**ZK/SOUTH CAROLINA**

Amy E. Kautz

**ZM/MIT**

Susanna Hinds  
Luisa Torrielli

**ZP/UC SAN DIEGO**

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The rich history of Kappa Alpha Theta is an integral part of who we are, and Theta Foundation believes it is vital to reflect upon the past to guide us toward our future. We strive to preserve our core values while simultaneously making them relevant to today's needs. We seek to make the world a better place through our ever-evolving scholarships, grants, and leadership and educational programs. The group of Theta women whose dreams are realized through our programs symbolize the North Star of our organization; an entity so powerful, bright, and promising that has and always will guide the way for us, motivating us and all those who support our organization. The next few pages take a look back at our history and the dreams that have come to fruition through the work of those who continue to give, receive, and share to make Theta Foundation what it is today.





IMPACTING THE **PRESENT**

INVESTING IN THE **FUTURE**





# GIVE

## spotlight on Pansy Patch

### PAST



*Theta Foundation Executive Director, Jen Pendleton, on how Pansy Patch came to be what it is today.*

The seed for Theta Foundation's first-ever Pansy Patch fundraiser was planted in 2008 prior to Grand Convention. It was an idea dreamed up by Theta Foundation Trustees and staff after brainstorming ways to reinvigorate Grand Convention fundraising. We wanted to create something that married giving and sisterhood, and thus the Pansy Patch was formed. The idea was to create a real patch of paper pansies at Grand Convention, where each pansy signified a \$5 gift made in honor or memory of a Theta sister.

We have come so far since we first introduced Pansy Patch. The 2008 fundraiser exceeded our wildest dreams, raising more than \$40,000 in its first year and more than \$90,000 in 2010. We now have [www.pansypatch.org](http://www.pansypatch.org), which goes live several months prior to Grand Convention and allows Thetas to purchase pansies online. As momentum continues with more and more chapters and members participating, we hope to exceed the \$100,000 mark in 2012, and how amazing would that be for the women whose futures are brightened by our work and mission?



## PRESENT

*Two Pansy Patch patrons explain why they love Pansy Patch even more today than yesterday... and why they will continue to support it for years to come.*

"The Pansy Patch is a fun way to connect with Theta friends; the fact that it benefits Theta Foundation is a bonus. But for me, I do it because I like my friends to know I'm thinking of them. The Pansy Patch also has great visual impact. Many of our connections with others are now digital. The huge display of pansies at Grand Convention shows the links between Thetas and it provides a wonderful reminder to all of the bonds between Thetas as collegians and as alumnae."

— Kate Madigan, Omega/UC Berkeley

"Pansy Patch is one of the most creative and thoughtful means of turning the high morals and aspirations of Theta into a tangible actuality. When I was a collegian, Pansy Patch helped to unite all of the chapters within our district. I still remember how we used to scrape up any extra money we had and add it to the Pansy Patch fund! Seeing the photos from Grand Convention in 2010, Pansy Patch captured the true manifestation of the efforts of all the women in our organization who embody the distinct qualities behind being a sister of Kappa Alpha Theta."

— Tristen Sechi, Eta Xi/Quinnipiac

## FUTURE

*Looking ahead to Pansy Patch in 2012...*

Theta Foundation's colorful Pansy Patch will be back in bloom in June at Grand Convention, and is already in full bloom on our website, [www.pansypatch.org](http://www.pansypatch.org). This year's Pansy Patch promises to be bigger and better than ever before, with fun new features and your favorite traditions, including district competitions and pansies galore, reappearing in full force to make for one of the greatest tangible demonstrations of sisterhood in Theta's proud history. Visit [www.pansypatch.org](http://www.pansypatch.org) to purchase your pansies today!





# RECEIVE

## *spotlight on* **Grants**

### PAST

#### *The Origination of Our Grants Program*

Theta Foundation grants date back to 1922, when Kappa Alpha Theta established the DePauw Memorial Library Project as a memorial to women who served in World War I. This grant allowed for the purchasing of books related to women's vocations for the school's library and later was expanded to include books by and about outstanding women. To this day, Theta Foundation continues to support the DePauw Memorial Library Project with an annual grant.





## PRESENT

*Five years after being awarded a Theta Foundation grant to travel to Zambia to serve, Alison Root, Phi deutron/Stanford University, shares how her grant has impacted her life.*



"By far, my greatest accomplishment from my Theta Foundation grant was establishing an information center staffed entirely by refugees, for refugees in Mwange Refugee Camp, Zambia. Seeing the staff grow throughout the year, even though I was only there for the summer, was a great feeling. Going back the second year to work with some of the refugees as their education advocate helped to deepen my understanding of the issues facing developing countries, and challenges of displaced communities like refugees.

"My life has been incredibly changed by my experience working for FORGE with the help of Theta Foundation. I have since solidified my dedication to the nonprofit and international development community, which has prompted me to get involved in policy and advocacy in Washington DC. I currently work for a global health advocacy group focusing on expanding access and resources for childhood vaccines all over the world. I would not have ended up in this important, challenging and rewarding field if it weren't for my experiences with FORGE and Theta Foundation.

"Theta Foundation grants are an amazing opportunity afforded to collegians and alumnae to get involved with an activity that gives back to the community. Without the resources provided by Theta Foundation, I would have had a completely different understanding of the world. As a result of the Foundation, I also deepened my connection with Theta, which is something I am extremely grateful for."



## FUTURE

*Theta Foundation's Future Rests in Your Hands*

You can endow a grant in your name with Theta Foundation based on criteria and causes that you are passionate about. Each year, Theta Foundation distributes more than \$40,000 to Theta women through seven different named grants. These grants allow Thetas to attend leadership conferences, travel across the globe to serve in third-world countries, build homes for deserving families in areas struck by national disasters, and so much more. The candidate pool from which we select our grant recipients—Theta collegians, alumnae, and chapters—is brimming with potential for personal development and growth through serving. All it takes is your initiative. To learn more about setting up a named grant endowment with Theta Foundation, visit our website at [www.kappaalphathetafoundation.org](http://www.kappaalphathetafoundation.org) or call Theta Foundation at (317) 876-1870.



# SHARE

## spotlight on Educational Leadership Consultants

### PAST

Q&A with Florence Ashby, one of Kappa Alpha Theta's first educational leadership consultants.

**Q** You were among the first women to be a Theta ELC, back when the position was called Traveling Secretary, in 1961. What do you remember about that time in your life?

**A** When I was sent a schedule for my first few visits, I inquired when and where I would go for training. My supervisor said to me, "If you studied the manuals, you've been trained [laughing]." Kansas State was my first chapter visit. Mrs. Tucker, a Grand Council member at the time, greeted me at the plane and said, "Thank goodness you're here, now you can tell us what we need to do!" Of course, I hadn't a clue, all I knew was what was in the manuals. Finally, when we got to the house I said to

her, "Mrs. Tucker, I really don't know what you should be doing." And we both just fell back on the bed laughing.

**Q** How does today's ELC program differ from the past?

**A** They are trained extensively to handle all sorts of different situations. They deal with far more serious issues like alcohol abuse prevention and are deep into risk management. It is a huge responsibility for these women.

**Q** Why do you think the ELC program is so integral to the longevity and health of our chapters?

**A** I think the collegians really relate with these young ladies who are essentially peers whom they respect. At the same time, the ELCs have the training and knowledge to help chapters with a variety of important issues.

**Q** Why do you think it is important for Theta Foundation donors to support the ELC program?

**A** The ELC program keeps our chapters strong and gets new chapters started on a good footing. When I was a trustee, I established an endowment from which the proceeds go to support the ELC program and their training. It is currently the only fund of its kind for Theta Foundation, and we need more support to keep this vital program alive.

**Q** What are your wishes for the future of the ELC program?

**A** I hope that they keep it going as strong as it is now. I hope that they continue to recruit the most outstanding young ladies to get out there and keep our chapters healthy and vibrant.



*Florence on a chapter visit in 1961.*



## PRESENT

Q&A with Katharine Murphy, a current Kappa Alpha Theta ELC.



**Q** How do you think the ELCs make a difference in the lives of Theta women?

**A** As a collegian, I was definitely inspired by the ELCs. They helped me through tough situations, and showed me how my leadership positions in Theta allowed me to grow. I hope that we have the same effect on the collegians we work with, teaching them to be perseverant and independent while having faith in the Fraternity.

**Q** What has been your greatest accomplishment thus far as an ELC?

**A** Accomplishment as an ELC can take many different forms. Whenever a chapter that I have worked with reaches a goal, I feel a sense of accomplishment. I have grown professionally, learned to be independent and gained confidence in myself. No other job would have had this much impact on my life in such a short span of time and I am so thankful to the Fraternity and to Theta Foundation for the opportunity.

**Q** Why do you think that more than 50 years later, the ELC program is still relevant?

**A** The ELC program has evolved over the past 50 years. There are so many changes in Theta that our program is constantly adapting. One thing remains the same—we push our chapters to be the best that they can be. I always tell women that no matter how many things they are doing right, there is always room for growth. We are there to challenge them and to help them see their potential, and I think in another 50 years the ELCs will have the same goal.

## FUTURE

**Did You Know?** For 30 years, Theta Foundation has been helping to fund the ELC program by paying for expenses such as training, travel, supplies and more. The future of the ELC program lies in your hands: our work in supporting this vital program is only made possible through your donations to Theta Foundation.





ALUMNAE FROM GAMMA PSI/TCU WORK TOGETHER TO HELP FORT WORTH REFUGEES THROUGH COMMERCE AND FASHION.

# WORN FOR A REASON

ERIN KRETZSCHMAR NASH, AM/MISSOURI

“When Thetas are behind something, you know it is a good thing!” said Rian Brooks, Gamma Psi/Texas Christian. This is first-hand knowledge for Brooks, who has seen the power of socially conscious sisterhood in action.

Along with another Gamma Psi sister, Katelin Reddick-Cortney, Brooks works for WORN, a company that on the surface produces and sells stylish hand-knit scarves. On a deeper level, however, WORN’s mission, is to support refugee women in the greater Dallas/Fort Worth area through employment and financial education. Reddick-Cortney serves as the company’s director of public relations, while Brooks is sales manager.

“The founder, Abbi Martin Ice, was one of the first interns to ever work for TOMs shoes,” Brooks explains. “She knows what it means to make fashion work for a cause, and she also knows what it takes to make a brand global and to impact as many people as possible.”

## WORN IS BORN

Ice’s vision for WORN was spawned by a college internship in Uganda. Amid extreme poverty, she witnessed beautiful artistry and handiwork in the clothes made by the native women there, and she wondered if this might be a “way out” for them.

Upon her return to the United States, two internships with TOMs shoes (a company which donates a pair of shoes to a child in need for every pair purchased) and Aviator Nation (which manufactures a beach-friendly clothing line), respectively, and a chance encounter with a Fort Worth-based musician (who would later become her husband), the Tennessee native moved to the Lone Star State.

Ice’s international relations background landed her the position of community resource developer for refugee services at Catholic Charities Fort Worth. There, she learned of the Translation and Interpretation Network, a business venture that employs interpreters from a pool of local refugees and immigrants; in visiting homes through her work, she was again reminded of many women’s talents in crocheting and knitting.

Catholic Charities Fort Worth had the opportunity to work with a grant through the University of Texas Arlington’s School of Social Work i-CAP Program, so the agency began asking staff for forward-thinking, innovative ideas to grow. That’s when Ice married the idea of fashionable products to a business model that would strive toward a greater good. The concept of refugee women who create scarves being paid by the piece became the reality known today as WORN.







Refugee women from Thailand, Burma, Nepal, Butan, and beyond hand knit scarves for WORN. In return, Catholic Charities Fort Worth works with the WORN knitters to help acclimate them to life in the US, be it through securing housing, enrolling their children in school, or managing their monthly finances.

Each scarf costs \$68-\$118, depending on the material and design elements. Each is knitted or crocheted of alpaca or light wool; an ultra Pima cotton is used for the lighter-weight spring line. Each WORN refugee worker makes three to 12 scarves per week. Once the workers are paid, any additional revenue from WORN sales is reinvested into Catholic Charities Fort Worth to support its various community outreach programs.

## TWO THETAS, WOVEN INTO WORN

Katelin Reddick was a fashion merchandising major and the president of the Gamma Psi Chapter. Following graduation in 2007, she packed up and headed to New York City for her first job, working for a shoe designer. But just before leaving, her personal life took a turn when Celene Cortney, also Gamma Psi/TCU, arranged a date with her brother. Long-distance romance blossomed for Reddick and her future husband, which resulted in their marriage, her move back to Texas, and a position on the advisory board for WORN. As she learned more about the mission of the organization, her board position lead to her current position as director of public relations at Catholic Charities Fort Worth.

"I owe so much to Theta—my best friends, my husband, and my uncanny ability to handle crowds of women," Reddick-Cortney said, laughing.

Rian Brooks was three years behind her, studying toward a degree in the same major, and post-graduation employment adventures sent her to New York City as well. After completing an internship with Vera Wang before her senior year of college, she had every intention of returning to the Big Apple ... but two weeks prior to graduation, Brooks learned of WORN in one of her fashion classes at TCU. "When I heard about WORN, I was instantly attracted to a post-graduation internship, even if that meant



Left: Katelin Reddick-Cortney and Rian Brooks today; above: Brooks and Reddick in 2007.

## WHAT IS WORN?

**WORN symbolizes peace, hope, & fashion**

WORN sets the tone of its outreach with a powerful mission statement: "The mission of WORN is to provide refugee women living in the United States a supplemental source of income, empowering them to rise above poverty."

As shared on the brand's website, WORN combines resources from various Fort Worth entities to assist refugees new to the United States.

Refugees from all over the world come to the United States for resettlement, leaving behind the affliction and persecution they faced in their home countries. Catholic Charities Fort Worth, along with other resettlement agencies, helps the refugees' transition into American culture which includes setting up apartments, English as a second language classes, enrolling children in schools, and help with integration into the American employment system. The vision of Fort Worth Catholic Charities is to provide the necessary skills that allow these refugees to be self-sufficient and regain a sense of both self and dignity.

For newly arrived refugee families, the challenge to become capable and independent is difficult. Due to the fact that these families are still learning English, adjusting to all facets of culture and daily life in a new country, and have no previous work experience in the United States, this isn't an easy task. The average wage for a newly arrived refugee within Catholic Charities Fort Worth refugee programs is only \$8.17 per hour, making supplemental income tremendously important for the family's long-term financial stability.

In the Dallas-Fort Worth area alone, a family consisting of two parents and two children needs nearly \$46,000 in annual household income to cover basic living expenses, according to the Center for Public Policy Priorities. This translates to a necessary hourly wage of \$23 between

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giving up New York plans. I thought Abbi had a great way of partnering fashion with a good cause, and that was the best thing for me."

One week later, Brooks had a WORN internship, which began in May 2011. Following completion of her internship, she was hired as WORN's sales manager. Along with an operations manager, she and Abbi Ice compose the WORN staff within Catholic Charities Fort Worth. They work hand-in-hand with Reddick-Cortney on the brand's communication needs.

"In starting WORN, Abbi gave her insights as a worker in refugee services, and she offered a personal view of refugees who lived just blocks from the TCU campus," Reddick-Cortney explained. "Most of these women have no means of child care, no money for child care, plus there's the language barrier."

Since the start of WORN in September 2010, the company has worked with up to 20 refugee knitters at a time. (They currently work with 17.) Both Thetas immediately recognized the social impact of WORN, and they loved how it partnered their fashion degrees with a community betterment endeavor. "I was intrigued by the idea that the refugees could utilize their knitting, a skill they already had, to create trendy fashion items that, in turn, helped them earn a living in their new country," Brooks said. "Some women can do something as small as buy diapers for their babies, and we have one woman saving money to send her son to college."

"Another woman who knits six scarves a week can now pay her rent on her own at the end of each month."

Reddick-Cortney agrees with the progress many refugees have made through their employment with WORN. "For the women we have as knitters, there's a language barrier. There's a transportation barrier. There's a child-care barrier. By giving them work making scarves, we help break down those barriers. We help them gain financial education through the United Way of Tarrant County, where they learn things like how to start a savings account. That gives them a life skill and self-confidence."

## FASHIONABLE THETAS

In working in the same city in which they attended college, Reddick-Cortney and Brooks have maintained their strong Theta connection. "I started gathering TCU Thetas who are local to the Fort Worth area," Brooks explained. "The models used in the fall

product-line photo shoot and the spring shoot are Thetas. They care as much as we do and value what WORN does for the community."

She also believes the WORN mission reflects the attributes of Kappa Alpha Theta. "In terms of living the WORN mission, Theta stands for the same things: to give back through philanthropic outreach. After learning more about the women right here in Fort Worth, it makes me more aware of my daily life and what others around me do and how they work to help themselves have new lives."

Reddick-Cortney appreciates the strength behind the Theta presence at WORN as well. "Rian and I love our jobs, and being under the umbrella of a large agency. It allows us to come up with big ideas and run with them and to take risks with the support of Catholic Charities. Theta encourages this: to reformulate and think outside the box."

That outside-the-box thought process has allowed the WORN staff to expand their product line; the 2012 spring line will include signature scarves, along with headbands, shawls, and necklaces. And with one year under their collective belts, the WORN staff is working with Catholic Charities to potentially replicate the company's model in other urban settings.

"We work at WORN because of the innovative nature of this non-profit and how effective it is at finding creative ways to get people out of poverty," Reddick-Cortney said.

Brooks concurred. "I know this project will only get better and better with time." ♦

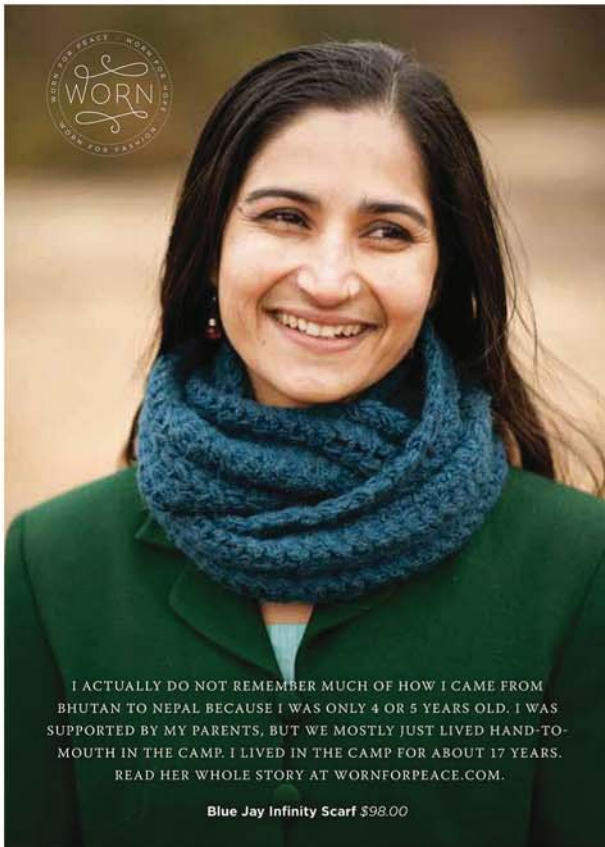
Five Thetas call Catholic Charities of Fort Worth their professional home: Lauren King,  $\Gamma\Psi$ /TCU; Katelin Cortney,  $\Gamma\Psi$ /TCU; Rian Brooks,  $\Gamma\Psi$ /TCU; Jennifer Anderson,  $\Delta\mathbf{M}$ /Missouri; Kasey Griffin,  $\Delta\mathbf{K}$ /LSU



The models in the fall 2010 and spring 2012 WORN photo shoots are Thetas, like Kat Walker Mathena,  $\Gamma\Psi$ /TCU. You may watch "WORN Fall Photo Shoot 2011" on YouTube.







Refugee knitters model their wares and share their stories. Currently there are 17 knitters.



both wage earners. This is where WORN comes in.

As the brainchild of company founder Abbi Martin Ice, WORN is both a hand-knit scarf brand and a philanthropic organization that assists its knitters (refugee women in employment with WORN) in acclimating themselves into the US culture, lifestyle, and workforce, encouraging them to be self-sufficient while regaining self-confidence and dignity.

WORN provides supplemental income to refugees who hand knit fashionable scarves. The organization also partners with the University of Texas Arlington to study the financial and social impacts of the projects on families with refugee women earning this supplemental income. Additionally, Catholic Charities Fort Worth provides financial literacy courses for the WORN knitters, providing much-needed education to the refugees on finances and money management.

#### **SPECIFICALLY, WORN SYMBOLIZES:**

##### **PEACE:**

Teaching that peace more than security, it's dignity.

##### **HOPE:**

Enabling refugees to find value in both product and self.

##### **FASHION:**

Making a statement for those in need by wearing it over the heart.

**ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE NET PROFITS FROM WORN SCARF SALES GO DIRECTLY BACK INTO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH CATHOLIC CHARITIES FORT WORTH TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE OPPRESSED.**

THE CONCEPT OF REFUGEE WOMEN WHO CREATE SCARVES BEING PAID BY THE PIECE BECAME THE REALITY KNOWN TODAY AS WORN.



KAPPA ALPHA THETA'S TRUE PROMISE IS A VOW, A TWO-WAY PLEDGE BETWEEN THE FRATERNITY AND EACH OF HER MEMBERS. IT IS UP TO EACH THETA TO DISCOVER AND FULFILL THE PROMISE WITHIN HERSELF. SO, TOO, IT IS UP TO EACH THETA TO DETERMINE WHAT THE FRATERNITY WILL MEAN TO HER AND HOW HER MEMBERSHIP WILL CONTRIBUTE TO HER LIFE.

## HOW WILL YOU LIVE OUT YOUR TRUE PROMISE?

MELISSA STARK, ΔX/VIRGINIA,  
IS A KAPPA ALPHA THETA WOMAN OF TRUE PROMISE.

Bettie Locke knew a little something about being the only woman in a field of men. She certainly knew a lot about what it took to earn their respect. More than a century later, Melissa Stark, ΔX/Virginia, could empathize.

After graduating from Virginia in 1995, Stark was hired by ESPN in 1996 as a reporter/correspondent for *Outside the Lines* and *SportsCenter*, among other programs. Then, in 2000 at the age of 26, she landed a position with ABC's *Monday Night Football*. As the sideline reporter—the on-field eyes and ears for play-by-play announcers Al Michaels and John Madden—she had to push her way through NFL linebackers, in high heels, to provide injury reports and land post-game interviews.

It wasn't easy for her. She had to earn the respect of the coaches, athletes, fans, and, perhaps most difficult, fellow journalists, many of whom thought women had no business covering a men's sport. Veteran journalist Andy Rooney notoriously said, "The only thing that really bugs me about television's [football] coverage is those damn women they have down on the sidelines who don't know what the hell they're talking about."

At the time, the media flocked to Stark for comment, but she wouldn't give them one. Instead, she let her work do the talking. Her determination, knowledge and professionalism earned her a great reputation as one of the industry's best reporters—male or female. She even grossed a compliment from Madden after a Hall of Fame exhibition game between the New York Giants

and Houston Texans. He said it was the only time he had ever congratulated a sideline reporter.

After three years on the sidelines, Stark made the switch to NBC as a national correspondent for *The Today Show* and MSNBC. She also covered three Olympic Games for the network, but in 2006, she decided to take a break from journalism to raise her four children with husband Mike Lilley.

Then, in 2011, Stark received a call from Jim Cohen, a senior coordinating producer at the NFL Network, offering her a flexible position as reporter for *NFL Total Access*, and *Around the League Live*. She initially declined the opportunity, for fear it would leave her little time with her husband and children. But after encouragement from her family and the network, she accepted.

Stark has been back in front of the camera since September and feels right at home, though things have changed a little bit. For one thing, there are far more females in the industry. Many agree that they all owe a little something to Melissa Stark.

True Promise represents a two-way promise to yourself and the Fraternity to be your best self no matter the circumstances. Stark certainly had to fight through adversity to earn the respect of her peers, but that hardship made her a better, stronger reporter—and an amazing role model for women everywhere. How will you live out your True Promise? ◇

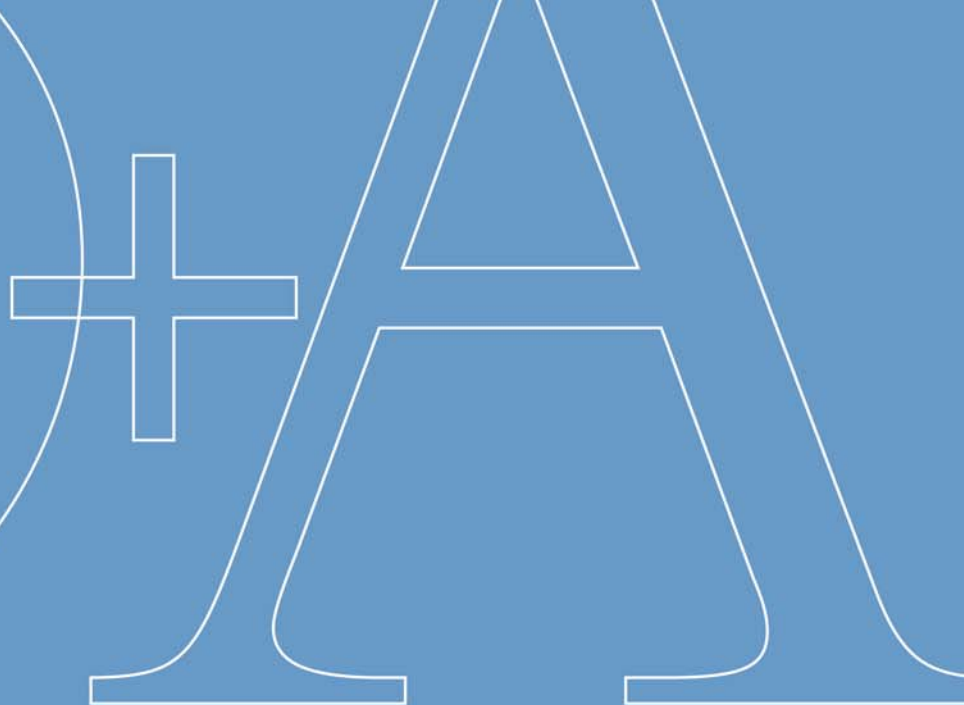


As a female,  
there's always  
the question of:  
"Can you have  
it all?" (Melissa  
Stark, in the New  
York Daily News)



# Caroline Ghosn

## A THETA OF NOTE



CAROLINE GHOSN,  $\Phi\Delta$ /STANFORD, IS THE CO-FOUNDER AND CEO OF THE LEVO LEAGUE, WHICH PROVIDES CAREER NETWORKING AND ADVICE TO YOUNG PROFESSIONAL WOMEN. ITS MISSION IS TO HELP THEM BETTER NAVIGATE THE PROFESSIONAL PIPELINE AND ASCEND TO HIGHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS. THE LEVO LEAGUE WEBSITE HAS GARNERED ACCLAIM FROM THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND THE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS' COUNCIL, AND IS EXCLUSIVELY PARTNERING WITH *FORTUNE*'S "MOST POWERFUL WOMEN" GROUP.

**YOU WERE BORN IN BRAZIL AND HAVE LIVED IN FRANCE AND JAPAN AS WELL AS THE US. PLEASE TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT ONE OF THOSE COUNTRIES THAT WE PROBABLY DON'T KNOW.**

There's a lot that you can learn by piecing many of the cultures together into a cohesive ethic: the Japanese approach to collaboration and professional diligence provides an incomparable backbone, the French ability to brainstorm and discuss new ideas and radical approaches to old philosophies provides inspiration, and the liveliness and vibrance of Brazilian interpersonal interactions is one I hope to bring to every person I speak with.

**WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF YOUR CURRENT JOB?**

Working with people who are as passionate about building our shared vision as I am.

**WHAT IS THE WORST PART?**

Being an entrepreneur can be extremely ambiguous; there are few written rules and there's a lot you have to navigate based on intuition and your own values.

**WHAT IS THE BEST CAREER ADVICE YOU EVER RECEIVED?**

Be true to yourself and allow your passion to shine through in everything you do.

**WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT?**

Taking a leap of faith and building, brick by brick, a company to create the things I wish I had had (after I graduated from Stanford and started my first job).

**WHAT TALENT DO YOU WISH YOU HAD?**

The ability to multitask. The intensity with which I focus and get absorbed into things means that it's more difficult for me to think laterally about multiple things at one time.

**LOOKING AT YOU, NO ONE WOULD GUESS THAT....**

I am an extremely shy person!

**WHAT DO YOU VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?**

A sense of self and integrity.

**WHO IS YOUR REAL-LIFE HERO?**

Sheryl Sandberg, because she re-defines leadership for our generation. I could barely speak the first time we chatted with her about The Levo League.

**IF YOU COULD INVITE FIVE PEOPLE, LIVING OR DEAD, TO DINNER, WHO WOULD THEY BE?**

Frida Kahlo, Sheryl Sandberg, Ernest Hemingway, Stephen Hawking, Lady Gaga. I don't even know where the conversation would go, but that's the beauty of it.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THETA MEMORY?**

The feeling of sitting in the kitchen area in the evenings with the women who would become my best friends and most unwavering supporters, eating pita chips and pondering the ways in which our lives would unravel. ♦



*"Being a entrepreneur can be extremely ambiguous."*



# WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD

EACH OCTOBER 19, THETA COMMEMORATES BETTIE LOCKE HAMILTON'S BIRTHDAY WITH OUR DAY OF SERVICE. THETAS AROUND THE GLOBE ARE LINKED HEART TO HEART BY THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPACT THE LIVES OF OTHERS, IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITIES, AND EXERCISE THE WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD. THANK YOU TO THE ALUMNAE AND COLLEGE CHAPTERS WHO SHARED STORIES AND PHOTOS FROM THE DAY OF SERVICE.



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Atlanta, Ga.

Boston, Mass.

Boise, Idaho

Dallas, Texas

## ATLANTA, GA.

The Atlanta Alumnae Chapter collected more than 75 new or gently used suitcases, backpacks, totes, and new toiletries for youth in Metro Atlanta CASA programs. These young people often carry their personal effects in a simple grocery bag! Atlanta Thetas are making this our philanthropic cause and will collect cases and toiletries at every alumnae chapter event.

Leslie Fight, A/DePauw

## BOISE, IDAHO

The Boise Alumnae Chapter has really reached out to those less fortunate in our community this year. We started 2011 by collecting more than 50 pounds of nonperishable food items for our local food bank at our Founders Day celebration. The spring brought our annual pansy sale. This year we sold some pansies to a local nursing home. The residents really enjoyed planting them with us in their garden. The summer flew by, and our fourth annual CASA backpack-stuffing party was a huge success! We collected 38 completely stuffed backpacks and two extra bags filled with assorted school supplies. Our local CASA chapter was so thrilled with the help! Later in the fall, we got together to make goody bags for the new members of the Eta Eta Chapter at the College of Idaho. We ended 2011 with our annual holiday ornament party, at which we decorate ornaments with the residents of a local nursing home.

Diana Calhoun, ITI/Iowa State

## BOSTON, MASS.

The Boston Metro Alumnae Chapter participated in Kappa Alpha Theta's International Day of Service by volunteering at Cradles to Crayons, a local non-profit organization that provides packages of clothes, shoes, books, toys, baby safety equipment, and school sup-

plies to children in Massachusetts. Our volunteers sorted donated clothes into size- and season-appropriate groups so that they could later be bundled into packages for distribution.

Wendy Cobb, ΔΩ/Texas A&M

## DALLAS, TEXAS

On October 26, Theta alumnae in Dallas hosted our annual heart to heart luncheon at Brook Hollow Golf Club. Before a full ballroom, Gary Cogill of LasCaux films, always a friend of Theta in Dallas, introduced Joanne King Herring, Alpha Theta/Texas, the featured speaker. The author of *Diplomacy and Diamonds*, *My Wars from the Ballroom to the Battlefield*, Joanne King Herring is most recognized not for her amazing work with Pakistan, Morocco, and a number of other countries, but as the female protagonist, played by Julia Roberts, in the movie *Charlie Wilson's War*. The luncheon was a huge success, with funds raised going to CASA and Kappa Alpha Theta scholarships. Co-chairmen Susie Barnett and Susan Russell worked tirelessly with their committee to ensure everything ran smoothly. The Dallas Thetas are proud to continue the heart to heart luncheon tradition.

Melissa Stuart Macatee, AΘ/Texas

## DENVER, COLO.

Denver alumnae have again kept CASA close to our hearts this year with two signature service events.

Our third annual Hearts and Heels fund-raiser event in September at the Glenmoor Country Club raised funds for CASA and the chapter's philanthropy fund. In addition to raising needed funds for CASA, the event increased awareness for many member and non-member attendees; speakers included a CASA child and his sponsor and a CASA executive director. The event was chaired by Allison Klein, Beta Iota/

*We are already planning and looking forward to our next community service project.*

— Providence Alumnae Chapter





Denver, Colo.



Des Moines, Iowa & BK/Drake



Flatirons, Colo.

Colorado, and Jane Siekmeier, Gamma Upsilon/Miami, both Denver Alumnae Chapter board members.

We also hosted our third annual Warm Hearts, Warm Blankets service project program in honor of Theta's Day of Service and Bettie Locke Hamilton's birthday on October 19. Morning and evening blanket-making events were held at different member's homes, with nearly 30 blankets produced for local CASA children. These bright, cheery, and soft flannel blankets provide comfort for CASA children who are often taken from their homes by the courts at a moment's

notice with no time to gather personal belongings. The program was once again coordinated by the chapter's vice-president of service, Barb Pike Gonzales, Gamma Pi/Iowa State.

Allison Watkins Radcliffe, BZ/Oklahoma State

### DES MOINES, IOWA, ALUMNAE CHAPTER AND BK/DRAKE

The women of the Des Moines Alumnae Chapter and the Beta Kappa Chapter at Drake made blankets for the Blank Children's Hospital of Des Moines. The hospital was very happy to receive so many cozy and colorful blankets for the children staying at the hospital.

Morgan Krause, BO/Iowa

### FLATIRONS, COLO.

In October, we sponsored a table at the Light of Hope luncheon, and individual Theta alumnae made contributions directly to CASA in Boulder. To commemorate Theta's Day of Service, we went to Voices For Children CASA in Boulder and assembled "grow your child" packets which are handed out to new parents at various children's agencies and hospitals throughout the county. This program provides an age-appropriate book, toy, and educational information to the parent every

Denver, Colo.



*The Crisis Center was amazed by our efforts and contributions!*

— Iowa City/  
Cedar Rapids Alumnae Chapter





Miami, Fla.



Orange County, Calif.



Pittsburgh, Penn.



Providence, RI

three months from birth to age two. It is a vital step to reduce child abuse and neglect. Four colleagues from the Beta Iota Chapter joined us; together, we assembled more than 800 packets in three hours.

Mary Ziegler Suess, AP/North Dakota

## IOWA CITY-CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, AND BO/IOWA

The Beta Omicron Chapter at Iowa, the University of Iowa, and the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids Alumnae Chapter joined forces to "TP the crisis center!" Together we collected more than 200 rolls of toilet paper and monetary donations for the Johnson County Crisis Center and Food Bank. The Crisis Center was amazed by our efforts and contributions!

Jennifer DeSilva Noser, BT/Denison

## MIAMI, FLA.

The Miami Alumnae Chapter has been involved with Voices for Children of Miami for several years. During our autumn Thanksgiving feast, our group collects toys to support the VFC Holiday toy drive for abused, neglected, and abandoned children. In addition, the chapter has begun a Project Birthday program designed to bring birthday parties to Miami's foster children.

Anne Wilson Green, BK/Drake

## OMAHA, NEB.

Each year, Kappa Alpha Theta reaches out to those in the community in need through various activities and programs in honor of our National Day of Service on Oct. 19. Here in Omaha, we helped Douglas and Sarpy County CASA organizations with some of their immediate needs.

We collected notes and snacks for an all-day vol-

unteer training session at the Sarpy County CASA office. Snacks included popcorn, Chex mix, trail mix, sparkling water and flavored sodas, and home-made cookies and cake balls. We also wrote notes to the volunteers encouraging them to "keep up the hard work" through tough economic challenges.

We also collected bags of clothing from many of our members and friends and delivered them to Nancy Wilson, director of Douglas County CASA, for a CASA family community closet.

Barbara English Wimmer, P/Nebraska

## ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.

The Orange County Alumnae chapter looks forward to getting together every month for chapter socials. We have incorporated philanthropy into six of our events, which gives us an opportunity to meet with our sisters while also giving back to the community. We all enjoyed a home-cooked harvest meal while making fleece blankets, which were donated to children in the CASA system. We also held our first signature philanthropy event this fall: a lawn bowling fund-raiser at a facility overlooking the beautiful Pacific Ocean. We donated 100 percent of our proceeds to Theta Foundation. This year, our chapter president, Cathie Waters Cardelucci, Beta Xi/UCLA, was the recipient of the prestigious Athena Award from the Central Orange County Alumnae Panhellenic Chapter recognizing women for their dedication and service to our community.

Paula Dahlgren, ZΘ/California Polytechnic State

## PITTSBURGH, PENN.

The Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter gathered in December for our annual fireside holiday party. Surrounded by beautiful decorations at the home of LeeAnn Wagner Cica, Alpha Omega/Pittsburgh, we

The Omaha Alumnae Chapter collected notes and snacks for an all-day volunteer training session at the Sarpy County CASA office.



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San Francisco, Calif.



Y/Minnesota



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Π/Albion

enjoyed a delicious meal and chatted with sisters from college chapters in Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and more. In addition to a homemade dish, each sister brought an unwrapped gift to donate to the local Toys for Tots organization, devoted to providing Christmas gifts to underprivileged children in the area. The current membership is a refreshing mix of women recently out of college and others who have been out in the “real world” a bit longer. With this diverse membership, conversation is always fascinating, and we have enjoyed monthly social and service events, including kite nights out at local restaurants, and walking in a local benefit for the National Kidney Foundation. Members are looking forward to a Founders Day tea in association with local collegiate chapters in January, and a February service project and social benefiting a local women’s shelter. New members are encouraged to visit our website, <http://pittsburghthetas.blogspot.com/>, or find us on Facebook!

Hilary Michel, ΗΠ/Case Western Reserve

## PROVIDENCE, RI

The Providence Alumnae Chapter continues to serve our community in numerous ways. In October, we spent Theta’s Day of Service preparing brown-bag lunches for the homeless. A few weeks later, we spent another fall afternoon serving lunch at a local soup kitchen. These efforts were greatly appreciated by the hundreds of men and women able to enjoy the warm meal. We remain dedicated to those in need throughout the entire year. In December, we completed an underwear drive for a local organization that provides clothing and other support to the needy. While this was not a glamorous holiday “drive,” it filled a desperate need in the community. Although the Providence Alumnae Chapter is only two years old, we have demonstrated our commitment to helping others, and we are already planning and looking forward to our next

community service project!

By Eva Semerly Loezos, ΒΠ/Michigan State

## RICHMOND, VA

Members of the Richmond Alumnae Chapter, the Epsilon Psi Chapter at Richmond, and the Epsilon Omicron Chapter at Randolph-Macon came together on October 17 to celebrate Theta’s Day of Service. The University of Richmond Office of the Chaplaincy and Panhellenic Council co-sponsored a book discussion featuring Ginny Carroll, founder and chairman of the Circle of Sisterhood Foundation. This discussion was part of the One Book, One Campus program, an effort that encourages students, staff, and faculty to read and discuss a selected book on a social justice issue.

This year’s book selection was *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*. Pulitzer-prize winning journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn not only bring the oppression of women to light, but also call us to action in the effort to fight global poverty and to empower women worldwide. Ginny Carroll discussed our role as educated women in uplifting women from poverty and oppression. We incorporated this event into our own call to action for local women in need: Thetas who attended brought toiletries to donate to Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter in Richmond. More than 30 items were collected and donated to the shelter.

Amanda White, ΕΟ/Randolph-Macon

## SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Collegians and alumnae from the Bay Area volunteered at SCRAP, a nonprofit creative reuse center, materials depot, and workshop space. The members cut, rolled, and sorted fabric for distribution to the community.

San Francisco, Calif.







Y/Minnesota

BI/Colorado

BN/Florida State

ΔK/LSU

## SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA AND EA/DICKINSON

The South Central Pennsylvania Alumnae Chapter and the Epsilon Lambda Chapter at Dickinson participated in Theta's Day of Service by donating pajamas, robes, and nightgowns to the Harrisburg YWCA's emergency shelter. Many women come to the shelter in the middle of the night with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The chapters held a pajama party and collected items to give to those women.

Gretchen VanKirk Petrie, BΦ/Penn State

## WESTCHESTER, NY

Alumnae in Westchester enjoyed our sixth annual holiday potluck party and toy drive for the Abbott House of New York. The Abbott House is a home with multiple locations for boys and girls displaced due to poverty, homelessness, or abuse. Fifteen members of the Westchester Alumnae Chapter gathered and donated gift cards, toys, and sports equipment to the boys and girls of the Abbott House.

Lisa Olney, ΔE/Arizona State

## Π/ALBION

Pi Chapter at Albion College chose to celebrate Theta's Day of Service with a canned food drive. We collected non-perishable food items from the Albion College campus community. One group on campus, the Student Volunteer Bureau, was the main contributor to our drive; they donated more than \$100 worth of items, particularly thinking forward and donating lots of Thanksgiving items. More than 200 cans were collected from the small campus of only 1,500 students and were donated to Albion Interfaith Ministries, (AIM), which is partially managed by a Pi Chapter alumna. We were pleased with the results of the Day of Service event and thrilled that it could

not only benefit the local community, but also the endeavors of a sister!

Laura Erikson

## Y/MINNESOTA

The Upsilon Chapter at Minnesota celebrated Day of Service by participating in a university-wide homecoming event—picking up trash around neighboring communities, packaging hot lunches for the homeless, and raking lawns. It was a great success, and the entire community recognized that Kappa Alpha Theta is a friend to the community and university!

Katie Kolberg

## AA/WASHINGTON

We celebrated Theta's Day of Service by campaigning for CASA. We set up information tables and passed out flyers to inform our university community about the goals and mission of CASA. The flyers included a short description of CASA along with a QR code that linked to the Washington State CASA Facebook page, which encouraged people to show their support by "liking" the page. One main issue facing our local CASA is gaining enough support and volunteers, so our chapter wanted to take on that challenge by making it our goal to inform and spread the word. Our entire chapter participated, and we had a great time throughout the day! We are very excited to continue our support of our local CASA chapter throughout the year and to participate in Day of Service again next year!

Jessica Knollmeyer

## ΑΦ/TULANE

The Alpha Phi Chapter held a fund-raiser on Theta's Day of Service, which benefited the Joshua and Robin

The Alpha Phi Chapter held a fund-raiser benefitting the Joshua and Robin Berry Children's Trust. Robin Berry, ΑΦ/Tulane, is pictured below with her family.







Theta Foundation and Fraternity Staff



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BX/Alberta

#### Berry Children's Trust.

Robin Berry, an Alpha Phi alumna, was tragically killed in a car accident in July. While returning home to Houston from a family trip to Colorado, the Berry family was involved in a devastating car crash. Their minivan, carrying Robin, her husband, Joshua Berry, and their children, Peter (age 9), Aaron (age 8), and Willa (age 6), was hit head-on by another vehicle which had crossed into their lane. Joshua and Robin were killed in the crash. Their children survived; however, both Peter and Aaron sustained spinal cord injuries and are now paralyzed below the waist. The children are currently being treated for their injuries in a Houston-area hospital.

Saddened and moved by this tragic event, we organized a fund-raiser to honor our late sister and assist in funding the now-orphaned Berry children's ongoing needs, including medical rehabilitation, physical therapy, psychological support, and education. Tulane Thetas partnered with a local shop, Pinkberry, which agreed to donate 20 percent of the proceeds of frozen yogurt sold to patrons who used the code word "Theta" when completing their transaction. The fund-raiser sales for the day totaled more than \$600, 20 percent of which will go directly to the Trust. We are honored to have the opportunity to make this contribution, albeit small, to the Trust. The chapter and the broader Tulane community are deeply saddened by this loss, and wish the Berry children and their extended family all the best going forward.

#### AΨ/LAWRENCE

The women of the Alpha Psi Chapter teamed up with Theta alumnae for Day of Service. We collected paper products and toiletry items, such as shampoo, soap, and lotion, which were donated to the emergency shelter of Fox Valley.

Laurel Foshag

#### BI/COLORADO

Members of the Beta Iota Chapter decorated Thanksgiving cards for CASA children. Everyone got creative, showcasing their artistic abilities with "turkey hands," feathers, and Thanksgiving wishes for the CASA kids. The cards were delivered to Boulder's local CASA chapter, Voices for Children.

Alexis Bridenbaugh

#### BN/FLORIDA STATE

On October 19, the sisters of the Beta Nu Chapter crowded into the dining room and sat down at tables covered with paper bags and art supplies. We had decided to get together and spend the morning assembling craft bags for the children of Guardian ad Litem, which allows people to step up and be a voice in court on behalf of local children who have been abused or neglected. We had recently learned that Guardian ad Litem was starting a children's art program, not only as a way to advertise the program but also as a fun hobby for the kids. To lend a helping hand with the start of the program, we filled paper goody bags with a variety of art supplies, like paint and brushes, stencils, stickers, glitter glue, and crayons, in hopes of providing options and inspiration for the art projects.

Madison Halder

#### BX/ALBERTA

The Beta Chi Chapter participated in the



BX/Alberta





HE/Quinnipiac

Relay For Life for the Canadian Cancer Society in September. Team Kappa Alpha Theta raised \$4,030 and helped the U of A community raise more than \$48,000 in the 12-hour overnight relay! Chapter members were featured on the news wearing our letters ... great PR for the Greek Community at the U of A! Talk about expressing the widest influence for good.

Chelsea Livingstone

### ΓΥ/MIAMI

We created no-sew blankets for children at the children's hospital and Ronald McDonald house in Cincinnati. With participation by more than 70 members, we were able to create 20 blankets.

Jenna Stern

### ΔK/LSU

One of the most important things about being a Theta is giving back to the community. This is why Bettie Locke's birthday is Theta's National Day of Service. So on October 19, the Delta Kappa Chapter held a blood drive, and of the 60 people who donated blood, many were Thetas and parents. A special appearance was made by Louisiana State University's very own mascot, Mike the Tiger. Mike came to show his support for the cause and to show his support for the Thetas of LSU. The blood drive was very successful and we hope to be even more successful for the next Day of Service.

Jessica Finley

### ZM/MIT

Theta's Day of Service took place during Inspiration Week, when Bigs are showering their unsuspecting Littles with gifts and clues. This year, we created Halloween activity books for the Boston Children's Hospital. The materials were available all day in our basement so we could pop in between classes to make the booklets. Each book contained eight pages of Halloween-themed activities, including crosswords, coloring pages, and word searches. We tied the books with ribbon, and decorated the front with spooky Halloween illustrations. We had a lot of fun making these Halloween activity books, and we know the patients at the Boston Children's Hospital loved them!

Daniel Yuschenkoff



### ZΣ/OHIO NORTHERN

The Zeta Sigma Chapter participated in Ohio Northern University's Up 'til Dawn letter-writing event to help raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We formed a team and wrote hundreds of letters asking for donations. So far, Kappa Alpha Theta is the leading team and has raised \$1,235! We are so proud of the sisters who made a difference in the lives of children with cancer. In addition, we came together at the beginning of October to scour our two-mile stretch of our adopted highway. Keeping our environment flawless is always important to the Zeta Sigma Chapter, and we love spreading our widest influence for good to the world around us.

Carlie Trenga



## HO/NORTH FLORIDA

Eta Omicron participated in Theta's Day of Service by undertaking two different service projects: volunteering at the local Foster Closet and picking up trash around our very own university. Foster Closet is an organization that was founded by Tammy McGuire after becoming a foster parent herself; the organization collects items for foster parents of incoming foster children. McGuire realized that once you become a foster parent you need a lot of things really fast, and the money from the state is not there in time for you to buy these things. Currently, three Foster Closets take in clothes, toys, and furniture for foster children. Depending on the situation, Foster Closet provides these items for three, six, or 12 months. McGuire estimates that her stores have helped more than 1,600 foster children since she started in 2005. While 20 of us were hard at work at the Foster Closet, the rest of us were also working extremely hard to beautify our UNF campus. Armed with gloves, plastic bags, and smiles, Eta Omicron members collected more than four large bags of trash. We hope we made Bettie Locke proud on her birthday by participating in these two volunteer projects that greatly affected our Jacksonville community.

Patricia Prince

## HP/CASE WESTERN RESERVE AND HK/JOHN CARROLL

Members of the Eta Pi Chapter at Case Western Reserve and the Eta Kappa Chapter at John Carroll made craft and jewelry kits for children at Rainbow Babies, a pediatric hospital on the Case Western Reserve campus.

Polina Gokun

## HE/QUINNIPIAC

On October 19, the Day of Service is an opportunity for Thetas to volunteer our time and help those in need. It is also a day to remember and celebrate Bettie Locke Hamilton.

The Eta Xi Chapter at Quinnipiac strives to achieve

our Fraternity aim of service throughout each school year. In addition to raising money for CASA and Theta Foundation, we participate in community service projects including cancer walks, visiting animal shelters, working with the youth of Connecticut, and cleaning up the community.

Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, our chapter promoted the fight against breast cancer by selling baked goods and pink colored ribbons. In just one day, we raised more than \$200, which was donated to the Breast Cancer Awareness fund at the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk a few days later. Many Thetas attended the event and walked for the cause in their favorite Theta apparel to represent our overall support as a Chapter and Fraternity.

Through our efforts, Eta Xi learned that service can be fun and taking action is key in making a difference because when it all comes down to it, Theta Loves Service!

Andrea Siclari

## HT/TAMPA

Members of the Eta Tau Chapter made Halloween goody bags and cards for the local CASA chapter during Tampa's homecoming week. We had a lot of fun, and it was a good way for initiated members to hang out with new member before Inspiration Week.

Ruth Wallis

## THETA FOUNDATION AND FRATERNITY STAFF

Staff from Theta's Fraternity and Foundation headquarters in Indianapolis commemorated the Day of Service in several ways. We decorated and distributed collection boxes for the Yoplait yogurt Save Lids to Save Lives program, which contributes funds to breast cancer research; we collected non-perishable items for the food pantry at the Faye Biecard Glick Neighborhood Center; and we helped organize food and other donated items at the Glick Center, which provides a variety of individual and family services on Indianapolis's west side. ♦



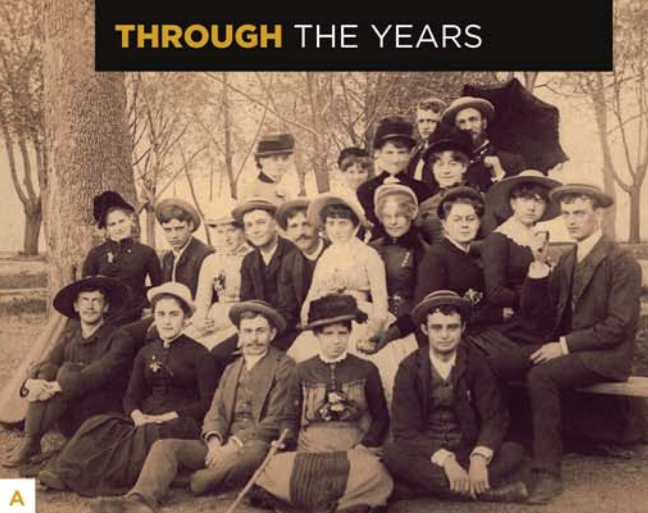
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*Something of Value (SOV), a National Panhellenic Conference initiative, is a values-based approach to risk-management education for collegians.*

The day-long program is led by a traveling team of NPC representatives and an attorney with NPC affiliation. Program format includes group discussions of values, a mock trial, and teaching confrontation skills. Participants identify risky behaviors such as abusive relationships, substance abuse, academic dishonesty, eating disorders, financial mismanagement, hazing, harassment, personal safety concerns, and other issues specific to their campus environment.

Three Theta chapters—Γ/Butler, AM/Missouri, and ΑΣ/Washington State—participated in Something of Value during the spring 2012 semester.





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## "SPRING COMES TO KAPPA ALPHA THETA"

BY NORALEEN DUVALL YOUNG, AX/PURDUE

NO MATTER THE ERA, THE SCHOOL, OR THE GEOGRAPHIC REGION, THETAS THROUGH THE YEARS HAVE WELCOMED THE SPRING SEASON IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. WHILE TODAY COLLEGIANS MAY CELEBRATE WITH SPRING BREAK TRIPS OR FORMAL DANCES, IN YEARS PAST PICNICS AND MAY DAY FESTIVITIES WERE THE NORM.

**A** Iota Chapter Thetas and Cornell men picnicked on the Cornell University campus in the early spring of 1885. Standing: Eva A. Smith Snyder, Mary Corser Gale, Justina Robinson Hill, Julia Warner Snow, Mr. Stoner and Mr. C.D. Marx seated on bench, Stephanie Marx Curtis, Mr. Stockbridge, Miss Selley, Mr. S.H. Parker, Mr. E.W. Huffcut, Adelaide Prentis Wait, Gertrude Van Dusen Marx, Mary Merry Buell, Mr. H. Thomson; on the ground: Mr. C. W. Curtis, Adelaide Eva Brunn, Mr. A.B. Roberts, Harriet Grotecloss Marx, Mr. De Lima. *(Original caption.)*

What makes this image even more interesting in that many of these young women and men went on to be notable in various professional fields. Julia Warner Snow was professor of botany at Smith College. Harriet Grotecloss Marx was active at Stanford, where her husband, C.D. Marx (pictured here as well), was among one of the first faculty members. Both Harriet and Julia, along with another Theta, Anna Botsford Comstock, were among the first five women asked to join Sigma Xi, the national science honorary society, in 1888. The first undergraduate woman to be asked to join Sigma X in 1889 was also a Theta, Elizabeth Boynton Coville, Iota/Cornell.

**B** Many chapters participated in campus-wide clean-up efforts. Some campuses even offered prizes for the groups that could dig up the most dandelions on a given day. In this photo, members of the Gamma Chapter at Butler on their campus-wide clean-up day, ca. 1913. *(From the scrapbook of Berniece and Marjorie Hall.)*

**C** May Day festivities were a major social event on many college campuses and included May poles and a May queen. This photo is from the Beta Rho Chapter at Duke, ca 1936.

**D** Spring Break has been a tradition on many campuses over the years. Members of the Alpha Eta Chapter at Vanderbilt exercised to get in shape for spring break, ca 1975.

**E** Spring dances and formals were on many chapters' schedule of events. This is from the Delta Pi/Tennessee Spring Formal, 1982. ♦

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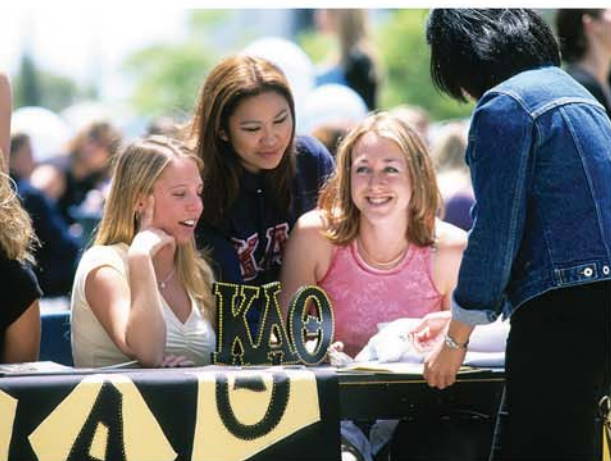
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# A RESPONSIBILITY AND A PRIVILEGE

## RECOMMEND A POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER; INTRODUCE A THETA LEGACY

RECRUITMENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER AND A CHAPTER TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER. BECAUSE MEMBERSHIP IN KAPPA ALPHA THETA IS A LIFETIME COMMITMENT, RECRUITMENT ALSO DEMANDS CAREFUL THOUGHT BY BOTH THE POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER AND THE COLLEGE CHAPTER MEMBERS. A CONSCIENTIOUSLY PREPARED LETTER OF REFERENCE AND, WHEN APPLICABLE, LEGACY INTRODUCTION FORM CAN PRESENT A POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER TO A CHAPTER AND HELP CHAPTER MEMBERS RECRUIT HER MORE EFFECTIVELY.



## LEGACY POLICY

Who is a Theta legacy? A Theta legacy is defined as a daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, or sister of a Kappa Alpha Theta. Stepdaughters, step-granddaughters, step-great-granddaughters, and stepsisters are considered legacies if their family considers them as such.

There is no such thing as an indirect legacy (i.e., cousin, niece, etc.), and such persons must not be given special consideration on the invitation list. However, they may have special knowledge of and interest in Kappa Alpha Theta and should be warmly welcomed and recruited.

All legacies receive an automatic invitation to the second round of recruitment. No legacy can be released after the first round of recruitment. The only exception is a legacy who does not meet the scholastic requirements, per the individual college chapter bylaws.

Following the first round of recruitment, the executive recruitment board (ERB) will meet to hold a legacy review. An advisor must be present. At that time, the ERB will ensure that each legacy met the average number of members met by all PNMs participating in recruitment for that round and received the average number of votes that day. All legacies should be met by at least two members of the ERB.

Following the second round of recruitment, the recruitment and Panhellenic district director (RPDD) should be contacted regarding legacies. If none are to be released, the RPDD will be notified at this time. If a legacy is still below the natural break, the RPDD will require that the chapter recruiting officer (CRO) provide certain information.

After the required questions have been answered, a legacy may be released if the RPDD determines that she has been given special consideration and is not considered to be a compatible or potentially contributing member of the chapter.

All legacies who remain after the second round of recruitment will be invited to the additional rounds thereafter. No legacy will be permitted to be released after the third round of recruitment or any additional rounds thereafter. This does not mean a legacy is guaranteed a bid. This is dependant upon her placement on the bid list and recruitment quota for the chapter.

There is no preferential treatment given to a "chapter legacy" or a "sitting sister" over a legacy from another chapter. ◇

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# KAPPA ALPHA THETA LETTER OF REFERENCE & LEGACY INTRODUCTION

(To be used only by members of KAΘ)

- ☐ I am submitting a letter of reference for a legacy. I have completed all sections of this form.  
☐ I am submitting a letter of reference for a non-legacy. I have skipped section II.

## I. General Information

Name of Potential New Member \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MI NICKNAME

Reference for \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at \_\_\_\_\_  
UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

Entering as ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior Age \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) or Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
FULL NAME MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME, IF KNOWN

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

## II. Potential New Member Connections

A Theta legacy is defined as a daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, or sister of a Kappa Alpha Theta in good standing. Stepdaughters, step-granddaughters, step-great-granddaughters, and stepsisters are considered legacies if their Theta family member in good standing considers them as such and completes this section of the form.

Kappa Alpha Theta Legacy Information: ☐ sister ☐ mother ☐ grandmother ☐ great-grandmother

Please indicate if this is a step relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MAIDEN LAST

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MAIDEN LAST

Other KAΘ relatives \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Other women's fraternity connections:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Fraternity \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Fraternity \_\_\_\_\_

## For RRBC Only

RRBC \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone and/or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
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Comments \_\_\_\_\_

## For Chapter Use Only

Required written follow-up with sponsor or RRB:

Acknowledged reference \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Notification of outcome \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

New member information submitted online: ☐ yes ☐ no

If pledged by KAΘ or another NPC group on your campus, please destroy this reference.  
If **not** pledged to any NPC group, retain this reference for two years.

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## IMPORTANT:

**THE FRATERNITY ASKS THAT—WHENEVER POSSIBLE—THETAS USE THE ONLINE LETTER OF REFERENCE FORM, RATHER THAN THE FORM PRINTED HERE.**

For information about how to submit a letter of reference and a legacy introduction (including where to send the form), please go to [www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org). Log into the site and click on the Recommend a Potential New Member link on the left.

## WHAT TO SEND

Complete information about the potential new member's qualifications is essential, and a picture of her is highly desirable.

## WHERE TO SEND

If the potential new member lives in a recruitment reference board area, the letter of reference may be sent to the recruitment reference board chairman (RRBC) or directly to the chapter. If the potential new member lives in any other area, the letter of reference shall be sent directly to the chapter. **Do not** send letters of reference to Fraternity headquarters.

## WHO CAN SEND

Any alumna member in good standing may submit letters of reference. Current undergraduate members in good standing may submit letters of reference for potential new members attending universities other than their own.



### III. Qualifications and Attributes

Hometown \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME, CITY & STATE

Class Size \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Scholastic Average \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT \_\_\_\_\_

College(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME, CITY & STATE



Please write your personal evaluation of the candidate you sponsor. Provide information and relate her qualifications to Kappa Alpha Theta's 4-Points of the Kite.

Please check attributes and add comments and examples.  
(May attach sheet if space provided is not adequate)

#### Intellectual Curiosity

- \_\_\_ Honor Student \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Enrichment Programs \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ National Honor Society \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Likely to Finish College \_\_\_\_\_

#### Leadership Potential

- \_\_\_ Good Moral Character \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Loyal Member \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Dependable \_\_\_\_\_

#### Personal Excellence

- \_\_\_ Socially Congenial \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Compatible in a Group \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Reserved/Quiet \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Poised \_\_\_\_\_

#### Commitment to Service

- \_\_\_ Widest Influence for Good \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Extracurricular Activities \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Volunteer Activities \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Leadership Abilities \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Commitment \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Suggested Topics of Conversation During Recruitment

#### V. Endorsement *Please check applicable statements*

- ☐ To my knowledge, this woman is not, nor has ever been, an initiated member of an NPC group.
- ☐ I hereby recommend this woman for membership in Kappa Alpha Theta based upon:
  - \_\_\_ My personal acquaintance with her. I have known her for \_\_\_\_ years.
  - \_\_\_ My acquaintance with this woman is through her family. I have known them for \_\_\_\_ years.
  - \_\_\_ I do not know the potential new member; information was secured from a reliable source (mutual friend, teacher, clergy, Panhellenic files, etc.). That source is \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initiated \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAPTER/DATE

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

My post-college Theta involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

### REMEMBER THETA AND NPC GUIDELINES

Once recruitment has started, alumnae and college members from other campuses must NOT contact members of the college chapter to inquire about progress. Such calls must be addressed to the chapter's membership adviser. Alumnae should neither expect to receive any information about the status of a specific potential new member nor expect to receive bid list information. Alumnae are also prohibited from sending food or gifts in any form to the chapter on behalf of a potential member. Breaking Panhellenic rules may cause the chapter to be penalized.

### QUESTIONS?

Email [jbroughton@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:jbroughton@kappaalphatheta.org)



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SS \$25, 10K \$60

E. Pierced Kite Charm, #2588  
SS \$35

F. Kite Charm with cubic zirconia, #895CZ  
SS \$350, 10K \$425

G. Large Pearl Bracelet, 7.5", #636008T  
SS \$65

H. Cushion Ring with \*blue topaz, #0452  
SS \$119, 10K \$295

I. Split Shank Crest Ring, #2790F  
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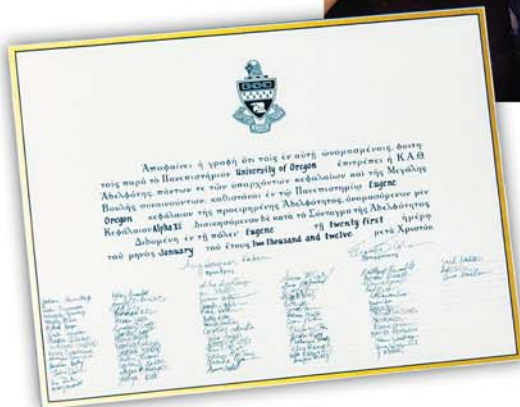


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# REFLECTIONS ON ALPHA XI

BY JENNI BROUGHTON, Γ/BUTLER



Nearly 103 years after the Alpha Xi Chapter was initially established at the University of Oregon, Kappa Alpha Theta returned to campus. Over the weekend of January 20, Theta's installation team traveled to Eugene, Ore., to install the Alpha Xi chapter. Fraternity President Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane presided over the Initiation Service, initiating 78 new members. "It is always so special to bring back disestablished Theta chapters. I find it so rewarding for the alumnae of the chapter to reconnect with the new members and for the new members to be able to count on the experienced alumnae for guidance. Even though it's a new beginning, it's a beginning that has history, and I love that," said Kates.

The installation team was assisted by members of the Beta Epsilon chapter at Oregon State University. "Being a part of the re-colonization of the Alpha Xi chapter was an experience unlike anything else for our chapter. Not only were we able to work hand in hand with many esteemed members of the Fraternity and Grand Council, but we were able to share in the joy and excitement of initiating the founding members of this new Theta chapter. It was a true reminder to the members of Beta Epsilon of how blessed we are to be a part of this all-encompassing sisterhood," said Alison Vogt, Beta Epsilon Chapter president.

Local alumnae had many opportunities to participate in the weekend's events. Alpha Xi alumna Mary Sipprell Pool said, "I was so excited to witness Alpha Xi's official return to the Oregon Greek community during installation weekend. It was an honor to attend the events, and I especially enjoyed the initiation ceremonies. The charter service was quite moving ... watching the members sign the new charter, with the original 1909 charter placed beside it. All in all, a terrific Theta weekend!"

A charter member summed up her experience: "Installation weekend was amazing. I loved participating in the same ritual that Alpha Xi Chapter members did a long time ago, as well as Thetas all over the country from recent years to the late 1800s."

Following the Pledge Service on Friday night and the Initiation Service on Saturday, the final ritual service was the Charter Service on Saturday evening. The newly initiated members signed the new charter and the original charter, signed in 1909 was returned to the chapter. One charter member said, "I loved signing the charter. I have seen old charters in other facilities, but didn't know I would soon be signing my own charter as a charter member of Kappa Alpha Theta."

The weekend culminated in the installation reception, where newly initiated members were joined by nearly 200 of their closest friends, family members, members of the university Greek community and alumnae. "Amid all of the highlights of the weekend, I think my favorite part was getting to meet so many of the parents and hearing their stories of the special dimension that Kappa Alpha Theta had added to their daughters' lives," said Laura Ware Doerre, Fraternity vice-president.

"Looking back on the chapter's colonization, I couldn't believe how far these women have come. To share in this experience with the newly initiated members, their families, and all of the Thetas who joined us was unforgettable. I am so proud of all that the Alpha Xi chapter has accomplished thus far and cannot wait to see the impact they make on the University of Oregon campus," said one of the two educational leadership consultants (ELCs) based with the chapter this year. ♦

Thank you to the Fraternity officers, educational leadership consultants, and staff members who served on the installation teams:

## INSTALLATION TEAM

Amy Hayner Kates, AΦ/Tulane, Fraternity President

Laura Ware Doerre, ΔΕ/North Carolina, Fraternity Vice-President

Nicole Frank, ΒΘ/Idaho, Chapter Budget Committee Chairman

Liz Bush Weiss, ΕΥ/Richmond, Music Coordinator

Betsy Sierk Corridan, ΒΟ/Iowa, Executive Director

Jenni Broughton, Γ/Butler, Ass't Director of Chapter Services

Stacey Jarrett, ΑΜ/Missouri, ELC

Lindsey Witt, ΒΔ/Arizona, ELC

Katharine Murphy, ΓΖ/Connecticut, ELC

Justine Rosenberg, ΕΕ/UC Irvine, ELC

**1904**

A group of women at the University of Oregon formed the first fraternity for women on Oregon's campus, organizing as a local group called Beta Epsilon.

**July 21, 1909**

The women of Beta Epsilon become the Alpha Xi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

**1924**

Chapter moves into their first facility.

**1970**

Chapter receives the Leadership Award at Grand Convention.

**June 14, 1997**

After 88 years on the Oregon campus, the Alpha Xi Chapter votes to relinquish their charter.

**April 8, 2009**

Kappa Alpha Theta makes a formal presentation to the University of Oregon extension committee in hopes of being selected to re-establish Alpha Xi.

**Oct. 10, 2009**

More than 160 Alpha Xi alumnae gather to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the chapter's establishment.

**Oct. 5, 2011**

Kappa Alpha Theta's colonization process begins.

**Oct. 18, 2011**

Kappa Alpha Theta Bid Day.

**Jan. 21, 2012**

Seventy-eight women are initiated into the Alpha Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. A new charter is issued to the Alpha Xi Chapter.





# CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

## A/DEPAUW

Virginia Burns Boynton  
Kathleen Graddy Carroll  
Helen Youngblood Cope  
Margery Miller Mills  
Shirley Shields Reser

## B/INDIANA

Betty Barth Williamson

## F/BUTLER

Helen Ellis Davis  
Sue Ammerman Harris

## Δ/ILLINOIS

Mary Burke Baggott  
Jane Moeller Fockler  
Sarah Richardt Ingle

## H/MICHIGAN

Elise Reeder Olton

## I/CORNELL

Phyllis Andre Montanari  
Martha Sweet Webb

## K/KANSAS

Patricia Woodward Lufkin  
Lesta Welsh Truby

## Λ/VERMONT

Phyllis McGovern Soule

## ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN

Helen Rowan Mansfield  
Arlene Clark Schauss  
Jane Gatewood White

## O/USC

Virginia Putnam Dore  
Janet Chase Hassler  
Patricia Marks Noyes  
Margaret Norswing Sangster  
Nancy Thompson Shirley  
Penelope Milne Wehrle

## X/SYRACUSE

Jane Whitney Roberts  
Betty Bishop Williams

## P/NEBRASKA

Joan Spangler Bancel  
Barbara Deweese Day  
Dorothy Swisher Frels

## Σ/TORONTO

Margaret Burnette Reid

## T/NORTHWESTERN

Jean Winslow Barnes  
Barbara Trump Lassiter  
Georgia Kasischke Northway

## Y/MINNESOTA

Louise Adams Burton  
Barbara Compton Cooper  
Virginia Cayou Kilgore  
Helen Paulson Kolouch  
Eleanor McCormick McClinnis

## Ψ/WISCONSIN

Patricia Holmes Johns

## Ω/UC BERKELEY

Beatrice Church Hooper  
Jacqueline Bertz Leete  
Janice Watkins Miller  
Virginie Hoisholt Walsh

## ΑΓ/OHIO STATE

Julie Allan Bailey  
Margaret Sellers Benedict  
Jane Ebersol Blanton  
Lois Loghry Cole  
Mary Helen Clinger Hopkins  
Rachel Bosart Morris  
Jean Waid Reilly  
Catherin Findlay Vanorner

## ΑΔ/GOUCHER

Amanda W. Hopkins  
Frances Diver McClure  
Helen Bishop White

## ΑΗ/VANDERBILT

Lucile Johnson Nelson

## ΑΘ/TEXAS

Florence Aves Bland  
Anna Beazley Henderson  
Frances Hoard Jackson  
Elizabeth Cook Kearny  
Wilmojean Wages Rutledge  
Mary Puckett Troell

## ΑΙ/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

Sarah Karraker Babington  
Mary Ramsay Kelley  
Betty Heckman Reck

## ΑΚ/ADELPHI

Ethel Reyling Frye

## ΑΛ/WASHINGTON

Elizabeth Eggert Bryer  
Barbara McCurdy Hill  
Kathryn Puryear Holman

## ΑΜ/MISSOURI

Virginia Vinyard Bailey  
Mildred Ice Chisholm  
Frances Kerr Grimmelman  
Gloria Phillips Hellyer  
Anna Farley Langham  
Lisette Eschenheimer Lee  
Mary Maurer Martz

## ΑΝ/MONTANA

Lois Blewett Lawson

## ΑΞ/OREGON

KMary Englesby Yoke

## ΑΟ/OKLAHOMA

Jane Jarman Allen  
Ann Lee Byrd  
Marjorie Hayden Harvey  
Marrian Hardie Kerr

## ΑΠ/NORTH DAKOTA

Alice Forkner Schamber

## ΑΡ/SOUTH DAKOTA

Faith Bauman Walrath

## ΑΣ/WASHINGTON STATE

Judith McWhorter Goodwin  
Jean Talley Green

## ΑΤ/CINCINNATI

Betty Frommeyer Breuleux  
Marjorie Perin Hunt  
Mary Baxter Richards

## ΑΥ/WASHBURN

Marion Hughes Shuff

## ΑΦ/TULANE

Darrah Chauvin Bagley  
Anne Denton Brubeck

## ΑΧ/PURDUE

Ruth Hall Forbes  
Lucy Demoret Hannas  
Althea Jorgeson Kendall

## ΑΨ/LAWRENCE

Evelyn Marggraff Hasselkus  
Kathryn Moore Ring  
Mary White Stroebe

## ΑΩ/PITTSBURGH

Barbara Clark Blotter  
Betty Teal Hamilton  
Jean Hipple Holt  
Jean Smith Lee  
Marion Briney Pinkerton

## ΒΒ/RANDOLPH MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Geraldine Boggess Griesenbeck  
Mary Carroll Moore

## ΒΔ/ARIZONA

Mary Wikoff Fisher  
Phoebe Peyton Hanson

## ΒΕ/OREGON STATE

Jane Reynolds Hyatt  
Alice Wiesendanger Jacobson  
Virginia Keep MacKin  
Frances McBroom Smith

## ΒΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE

Lorraine Liermann Cox  
Nadine Tomlinson Perkins  
Alice Hopkins Roach

## ΒΗ/PENNSYLVANIA

Lillian O'Neill Pooley  
Marianne Sharpless Potts  
Edith Sullivan Silvers

## ΒΘ/IDAHO

Mary Harvey Gardner  
Margaret Rice Hansen

## ΒΚ/DRAKE

Mary Clark Arends  
Ruth Meyer Howe  
Mary Nolan Kelly  
Jane Bush Remer

## ΒΛ/WILLIAM & MARY

Christina Cowan Halsey  
Gwen Evans Wood

## ΒΜ/NEVADA

Anita Jauregui McAdam  
Virginia Beckley Richardson  
Dorothy Acheson Thran

## ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE

Eleanor Scott Brandon  
Edythe Stanley Sorensen  
Larene Holabird Wambsganss

## ΒΞ/UCLA

Constance Keefe McWhinney  
Jane Cooper Rhodes  
Sally Sherwin Streeton  
Barbara Spaulding Van Alstine  
Virginia Barnett Zonne

## ΒΟ/IOWA

Marjorie Mason Blackwelder  
Marion Schouten Ferris  
Betty Garland Powers

## ΒΠ/MICHIGAN STATE

Evelyn Siebert Cameron  
Jeanne Richards Clore  
Josephine Besancon Gargett  
Margaret Wehr Grove  
M.J. Mabie Munroe  
Rose Jackson Rodholm

## ΒΡ/DUKE

Sallie White Brandt  
Lorraine Newlin Clay  
Charlotte Newlin Deupree  
Willa Hedrick Johnson  
Rosanna Brewer Pfunder  
Jean Wallace White

## ΒΣ/SMU

Ruth Coit Edwards  
Sidney Allen Holmgreen  
Louise Corrigan Jordan

## ΒΤ/DENISON

Virginia Andrew Rappold  
Elizabeth Cowman Thomas  
Marjorie Merchant Walker

## ΒΦ/PENN STATE

Barbara Fleming Coskery  
Jane Kistler Green  
Katharine Beaver Hilton

## ΒΧ/ALBERTA

Marion Williams Francis

## ΒΨ/MCGILL

Margaret Thomson Cathcart  
Grace Hamlyn  
Grace Madill Hood  
Audrey Martin McCaw  
Helen Kydd Merfield  
Jean Morgan Soper  
Patricia Lytle Tower  
Florence Flynn Visser

## ΒΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE

Clesta Kramlich Mitchell  
Martha Lemon Perkins  
Sue Williams Railey

## ΓΤ/ROLLINS

Lora Ladd Cochran  
Sarah Smith Skinner

## ΓΔ/GEORGIA

Charlotte Conner Folk  
Alma Adelia Quillian

## ΓΕ/WESTERN ONTARIO

Rhetta Barss Atkey  
Margaret Homuth Cockburn  
Shirley Messer Dunn  
Lorna Brown Froats  
Marion Luney Murray  
Margaret E. Tape  
Florence Elliott Whyard  
Norah Gauld Wistow

## ΦΔ/STANFORD

Jean Thompson Leonard ◇

IN 1937, KAPPA ALPHA THETA INITIATED 1,163 NEW MEMBERS, AMONG THEM THESE WOMEN, WHO OFFICIALLY CELEBRATED 75 YEARS IN THE FRATERNITY ON FOUNDERS DAY.

## THE YEAR WAS 1937.

The *Hindenburg* disaster occurred when the airship burst into flames at Lakehurst, NJ.

King George VI and Queen Elizabeth were crowned in London's Westminster Abbey.

Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean during Earhart's bid to become the first woman to fly around the world.

Walt Disney's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, the first full-length animated movie, premiered.

The cost of a first-class US postage stamp was three cents.

Theta's fifth Canadian chapter, Gamma Epsilon, was installed at Western Ontario.



## A/DEPAUW

Nancy Waddell Christensen; 1959, Mar. 2011  
Cathleen Beatty Hollenkamp; 1985, Mar. 2011  
Elwood Miller; 1929, Sep. 2011  
Margery Guston Tovey; 1948, Aug. 2011

## B/INDIANA

Jane C. Dixon; 1954, Dec. 2011  
Deborah Dorman Yocum; 1950, June 2011

## Γ/BUTLER

Janet Stratton Brooks; 1937, Jan. 2010  
Emma Shirk Miller; 1941, Oct. 2011

## Δ/ILLINOIS

Jean Monteith Fischer; 1947, Sep. 2011  
Jeanne Taylor Helmers; 1943, Dec. 2010  
Helen Henry Holzer; 1937, Aug. 2011  
Martha Richardt Ingle; 1939, Sep. 2011  
Sylvia Johnson Kidder; 1960, Oct. 2010  
Karen Jensen Stephens; 1961, July 2011

## H/MICHIGAN

Ruth McMorris Hanson; 1944, Feb. 2011  
Carol Grede Williams; 1942, July 2011  
Shirley Zimmer Yeakey; 1942, April 2011

## I/CORNELL

Sarah Steinman Harms; 1937, April 2011

## K/KANSAS

Lafaun McMurry Anderson; 1959, Oct. 2011  
Catherine Leonard Bayer; 1971, Nov. 2011  
Roberta Walker Huddleston; 1938, Oct. 2011

## Λ/VERMONT

Mildred Guttormsen Emerson; 1938, Oct. 2011  
Barbara O'Hara Marsh; 1952, Sep. 2011  
Jeannette Whipple Potter; 1938, Feb. 2011

## ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN

Janet Collins Campbell; 1941, Dec. 2011  
Gretchen Meier Hilborn; 1960, Dec. 2011  
JoAnn Griffith Olson; 1948, Dec. 2011

## M/ALLEGHENY

Mary Stewart Gregg; 1940, Sep. 2011  
Ruth Myers Kerr; 1934, Mar. 2011

## N/HANOVER

Ellen Payne Osborn; 1994, Dec. 2011

## P/NEBRASKA

Mary Cochran Grimes; 1942, Nov. 2011  
Dorothy Theisen McCarthy; 1942, Mar. 2011  
Jeanne Shaulis Volkman; 1942, June 2011

## T/NORTHWESTERN

Coralie Davies Ayers; 1945, Aug. 2011  
Ann Linn Bick; 1934, May 2011  
Helene Lake Howell; 1946, Nov. 2011  
Ann Liscom Irving; 1967, Oct. 2011  
Beverly Brown Kerr; 1949, Oct. 2011  
Bonnie Ellis Marvil; 1955, June 2011  
Dorothy Paynter Shine; 1935, Jan. 2012  
Margot Timke; 1958, Dec. 2011  
Mary Ann Faber Travis; 1949, Oct. 2011

## Y/MINNESOTA

Barbara Lehr Jones; 1948, Nov. 2011  
Jeanne Yurecko Rosell; 1940, Feb. 2011

## Φ/STANFORD

Margery Duhig Card; 1942, Feb. 2011  
Kathleen Thompson Parrish; 1937, May 2011  
Jane Barr Wallach; 1937, Mar. 2011

## X/SYRACUSE

Helen Sanders Demong; 1933, Oct. 2010  
Betty Jane Glem Fitzgerald; 1951, July 2011  
Katherine Mack Mowry; 1933, Dec. 2011  
Christina Bryant Padin; 1971, Oct. 2011  
Cynthia Kelley Nordby Prescott; 1958, Nov. 2011

## Ψ/WISCONSIN

Bette Wenger Collentein; 1942, Nov. 2011  
Barbara Holmes Loveland; 1941, July 2011  
Josephine Ruder Stone; 1944, May 2011

## Ω/UC BERKELEY

Marie Holmes Ferguson; 1941, Nov. 2011

## ΑΓ/OHIO STATE

Miriam Wright Cool; 1940, Oct. 2011  
Kathryn Blair Herndon; 1939, Mar. 2011  
Virginia Stark Johnston; 1932, July 2011

## ΑΔ/GOUCHER

Stephanie Grebe Meier; 1941, Oct. 2011

## ΑΗ/VANDERBILT

Adelaide Geny Davis; 1947, May 2011

## ΑΘ/TEXAS

Louise Latimer Willoughby; 1931, Feb. 2012

## ΑΛ/WASHINGTON

Kathleen O'Farrell; 1948, Oct. 2011  
Betty Mills Thompson; 1939, April 2011

## ΑΜ/MISSOURI

Jo Ann Sylvester Barnstorff; 1946, Jan. 2012  
Dorothy Means Herrington; 1940, June 2011  
Emily Dunn Johnston; 1940, April 2011  
Elizabeth Frank Pacini; 1939, April 2011

## ΑΝ/MONTANA

Charlotte Fritz Dissly; 1939, July 2011  
Elaine Johnson Eck; 1945, May 2011  
Mary Travis Forman; 1955, Dec. 2011  
Helen Lundeen Lane; 1938, Mar. 2011  
Ellen Thorwardsen VanDenburgh; 1959, Dec. 2010  
Margaret Landreth Wesselhoeft; 1940, Dec. 2011

## ΑΟ/OKLAHOMA

Betty Arnett Muntz; 1961, Oct. 2011

## ΑΠ/NORTH DAKOTA

Veronne Wagness Crawford; 1937, Oct. 2011  
Maxine Thompson Jones; 1929, Feb. 2011

## ΑΡ/SOUTH DAKOTA

Kathleen Olsen Mar.; 1940, Sep. 2011

## ΑΤ/CINCINNATI

Carol Quittschreiber Hyde; 1957, Dec. 2011

## ΑΥ/WASHBURN

Dolores Holman Friedhoff; 1938, July 2011  
Louise Smith Graybill; 1937, Mar. 2011  
Margaret Devore Reid; 1948, April 2011

## ΑΦ/TULANE

Margaret Joachim Lecorgne; 1940, Aug. 2011  
Jeanne Brown Loftin; 1938, July 2011  
Lisa Bertman Pate; 1986, Jan. 2012

## ΑΧ/PURDUE

Margaret Saurer Aldag; 1938, Aug. 2011  
Jacqueline Elizabeth Arcaris; 1992, Feb. 2012  
Elizabeth Pyke Busse; 1935, July 2011  
Donna Siess Jones; 1939, Nov. 2011  
Martha Upshur Pritchard; 1939, Oct. 2011

## ΑΨ/LAWRENCE

Barbara Rounds Chamberlin; 1937, Mar. 2010  
Margarita Thompson Oliver; 1940, May 2011

## ΒΒ/RANDOLPH MACON WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Carolyn Boaz; 1939, Sep. 2011  
Mary Phillips Lesh; 1933, Dec. 2011  
Martha Seitz Wey; 1939, Nov. 2011

## ΒΓ/COLORADO STATE

Caroline Winter Winn; 1936, Oct. 2011

## ΒΖ/ARIZONA

Suzanne Hamilton Voorhees; 1937, Aug. 2011

## ΒΕ/OREGON STATE

Betty Ericson Neel Dowling; 1944, April 2011  
Beryl Marks Dryden; 1941, Dec. 2011  
Bobbe Shinn McLeod; 1938, July 2011

## ΒΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE

Gladys Chandler O'Connor; 1937, Jan. 2011  
Ruthelma Henson Riddle; 1936, Dec. 2011  
Pattie Rebstein Sisler; 1940, May 2011

## ΒΘ/IDAHO

Sarah C. Asmus; 2011, Nov. 2011  
Lynette Davis Curtis; 1944, Oct. 2011  
Muriel Fugate Haegele; 1942, Dec. 2010

## ΒΙ/COLORADO

Shirley Schroeder Cariker; 1947, Dec. 2011  
Ora Neill Hepworth; 1944, Oct. 2011  
Carolyn Cogdell Hoffman; 1940, Sep. 2011  
Rita Atwood Saunders; 1947, May 2011

## ΒΚ/DRAKE

Helen Smitley Borst; 1938, Nov. 2011  
Harriette Greenwood Minnis; 1944, June 2011  
Stephanie Becker Proebsting; 1984, Jan. 2012

## ΒΛ/WILLIAM & MARY

Dorothy Littlepage Allen; 1932, July 2011  
Betty Littlefield Scheldt; 1946, July 2011

## ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE

Jean Harris Frazier; 1935, Nov. 2011

## ΒΕ/UCLA

Jean Gilchrist Bates; 1943, May 2011  
Lois Crawford Bub; 1946, Sep. 2011

## ΒΟ/IOWA

Jean Hardie Willis; 1942, Jan. 2012  
Eleanor Leedham Wirtz; 1948, Nov. 2011

## ΒΠ/MICHIGAN STATE

Lynn Campbell Head; 1955, Jan. 2012  
Mary Cumiskey Murphy; 1952, June 2011  
Carol Rouse Nicholls; 1953, Oct. 2011  
Betty Anthony Pearce; 1939, Aug. 2011

## ΒΡ/DUKE

Ruthann Imler Wood; 1948, Oct. 2011

## ΒΣ/SMU

Robin Copeland; 1984, Oct. 2011  
Emily Graddy Scott; 1939, Jan. 2011

## ΒΤ/DENISON

Judith Tucker Hooker; 1950, July 2011  
Jane Ruger Mosher; 1965, June 2008  
Deborah Conway Young; 1964, Jan. 2012

## ΒΦ/PENN STATE

Virginia Higgins Suhey; 1946, Nov. 2011

## ΒΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE

Mia Christine Vye; 1971, June 2011

## ΓΓ/ROLLINS

Elizabeth Skinner Guenzel; 1936, Jan. 2012  
Ann Johnston Hearn; 1962, Dec. 2011

## ΓΔ/GEORGIA

Marta Bender Torrey; 1954, Dec. 2011

## ΓΖ/CONNECTICUT

Pamela Jackson Nelson; 1956, Nov. 2011

## ΓΗ/MASSACHUSETTS

Loretta Souliere Charbonneau; 1947, Oct. 2011

## ΓΘ/CARNEGIE MELLON

Carole Cox Hampton; 1955, Nov. 2011

## ΓΙ/KENTUCKY

Janet Wallingford Hill; 1945, May 2011  
Mary McKay Wright; 1951, Dec. 2011

## ΓΚ/GEORGE WASHINGTON

Barbara Pitre Stanton; 1950, Sep. 2011

## ΓΠ/IOWA STATE

Linda Campbell; 1964, Oct. 2011  
Joan Wenaas Cooper; 1948, July 2011  
Anne Becker Cooper; 1954, Dec. 2011  
Kahla Roberts Latta; 1952, Jan. 2012

## ΓΣ/SAN DIEGO STATE

Patricia Fischler Young; 1951, Oct. 2011

## ΓΧ/FRESNO STATE

Diane Doman Cappelluti; 1959, Nov. 2011  
Margot Wells Guire; 1953, Oct. 2011  
Loranae Hockett Magee; 1953, Oct. 2011

## ΔΠ/CLEMSON

Teresa L. Little; 1982, Sep. 2011 ◇

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